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Virginia is for lovers*

AP photo by Clement Britt

Sharon Bottoms and April Wade were ruled "unfit parents" by a Virginia Judge Duford M. Parsons, Jr. on Sept. 7.

* Slogan applies to heterosexual lovers only. Must be over 21. Oral sex, anal sex, and/or weird and immoral positions prohibited. Sex reserved for procreation only; heterosexual abuse of girl children valid under extenuating circumstances. Contact state judicial authorities for further information.

(letters)

Criminalizing Prostitutes

Many thanks to Tim Kingston for his brilliant (in both the British and the American uses of the word) article on HIV-positive sex workers and the district attorney ("Criminalizing AIDS," *SF Bay Times*, Sept. 9). The scapegoating of prostitutes for the sake of individual political ambitions (not to mention AIDS hysteria) is, lamentably, not new. D.A. Arlo Smith's "aggressive enforcement" of codes 1202.6 and 647f has certainly been made easier by Mayor Jordan's campaign, begun a year ago June and gleefully carried out by the police department since November via mass street sweeps, to drive street prostitutes out of San Francisco. In particular, the reversion to a policy of "Use a condom, go to (read: die in) jail," is telling in light of the fact that it was Jordan, as chief of police, who once upon a time signed a police order, negotiated with the now (coincidentally and conveniently) discredited CAL-PEP, barring the confiscation of condoms as proof of "intent to commit" in prostitution arrests. What's truly frightening is the ignorance behind the belief that law enforcement will prevent AIDS. Every time prostitution has been further criminalized (no, it has *not* always been illegal) and testing mandated, the incidence of sexually transmitted diseases has gone *up*, not down.

Lyndall MacCowan
San Francisco

P.S. My vote on Nan Parks: she's awful, she goes.

Kudos for Youth

Often we get entrenched in our own politics and lives and forget from whence we came—Queer Youth. Your provision of a platform for this voice of gay/lesbian/bisexual (queer) youth reiterates your visionary status and commitment to the whole community. These queer dudes articulate a dramatic tone for the collective closets (collective psychosis?) a large segment of queer youth must endure and rise above.

Kudos to Messrs. Dror, Aguirre and Caldenwood acting as truncheons at the ready to protect, to inform and to act, by and for queer youth. Collectively they've altered history; collectively they've changed our consciousness; collectively they've influenced our reality. Theirs is not just armchair histrionics and not just reactionary negativity. They are leaders creating a passionate engagement of ideas, a leadership born of action, building blocks to change our collective futures of acceptance and tolerance—a future built upon the power of expectation and belief.

Critical thinking, decision making and action make way for great possibilities. The power of the possible is where our future lies. Youth—the pen, the mind, the possible.

Jonathan Johnson
San Francisco

Not OK, Don

I am not one to write to newspapers, but I was offended by the article by Don Baird, ("Whose 'Best Of... ' Is This, Anyway?) in the Aug. 12 issue of *SF Bay Times*. Sorry this is getting to you late, but I was on vacation and just now have caught up on my reading.

I don't mind gossip, trash, or whatever you want to call it. I do appreciate humor of all kinds. What offends me about Don's article is his telling people which restrooms are good to fuck in and where to have sex outside (i.e., South of Market, the beach, etc.).

I thought by now you wouldn't condone sex in public or give people ideas of where it was OK. *It isn't OK*— not for gays and not for straight people. It gives gay people a bad image suggesting that we are in fact sex maniacs and that's all we care about. Even if you are a sex maniac, it needs to be done *safely* now in a safe, private place—preferably your home (or rent a room).

L. Wagenseif

Deeper Issue

Now that Eugene Lumpkin has been fired from the Human Rights Commission, it might help to look deeper into the underlying causes of the political maneuver represented by his appointment.

Clearly, the Black and gay communities need to strengthen our alliance. These two communities have much common cause no matter what outward appearances may suggest. To provide for this common cause, bigotry in the Black community and bigotry in the gay community must, of course, be thoroughly confronted.

But let's face it, the deeper issue here is religious prejudice. Cynical, two-faced politicians would not have such a ready supply of church bigots to draw upon if there weren't so damn many of them. Beneath even the general problem of religious bigotry, though, is the ugly fact that the United States is endowed with such a uniquely large supply of it. It runs to the heart of the character of this place just like class stratification does in Britain.

There are more churches in the United States than there are in the rest of the world *combined*. Nowhere else on earth do moral arrogance and spiritual bankruptcy rise side by side to such heights—the two, of course, being inherently paired. They are as much a symbol of America as are the twin towers of the World Trade Center and as indigenous an American phenomenon as the toxic waste dump. Here in our own culture we often do not realize how much the word "hypocrisy" is associated with our nation around the world. Televangelism, for example, is not merely a telling feature on our social landscape, it is an inevitable outgrowth of it.

This is not to say that radical social surgery could never be performed on such a society. It has happened elsewhere and has even happened here. The point is, it is absolutely necessary that gay people see fully the nature of the problem before us. The spiritual, intellectual and ethical retardation that is so painfully evident in our Falwells, Mashores, Robertsons, Bakers, Swaggarts and Lumpkins has deep roots. Only through a full-scale unleashing of the intelligence and courage of the people they harm can the ignorance and cruelty of the fundamentalists be effectively removed from our culture.

Wishful thinking? Anything is possible.

John Morrison
San Francisco

Arrogant Street Fair

I want to register my anger at the Castro Street Fair Committee. I will try to keep my comments to the point. I requested information from the committee in July so that I could rent booth space to present my work, and the information I received stated that booth space was rented on a "first come, first served basis." There was absolutely no indication that objects to be sold had to pass any sort of test. Several weeks ago, I received a call from Mr. Rick Slick informing me that my items were unsuitable. During the ensuing conversation, I was able to make him understand that I did not intend to sell stones, but handmade—by me—stone holders, candleholders or holders for any other smaller object that might be better shown by sitting on a stand. Mr. Slick reluctantly allowed that handmade objects were suitable for the fair, but rudely informed me that I was probably wasting my money by attempting to do so with what I had made. The matter was left at the point that although I was probably laboring under delusion, the choice of entering my items was mine to make as long as I paid the fee. Then, this weekend, I received a short and curt note informing me that "the screening committee" had rejected my application. What screening committee?

Obviously, the saleability of objects depends upon the public and I am unlikely to be the best judge of something I've done. Perhaps the photographs that I sent were poor quality, but I never pretended to be a photographer, only a craftsperson. On the other hand, that is beside the point. The information I was given said, "first come, first served," or I would have taken some pains to find someone whose photographs might have shown my objects in a better light. Of course, Mr. Slick might still find my work not to his taste, but I had no idea that was a matter of importance.

I am a member of this community and have been for years, and I have given to it a fair portion of my time and money and energy. I do not think it unreasonable to find that the Castro Street Fair Committee, which pretends to serve and feature my community, has treated me rudely and shabbily. When the fair does happen, please note how many items are actually handmade by the people selling them, and how many of the vendors are truly members of the community, either by virtue of spirit or locality. I'd like to be rude and insulting and say something about gay men who are willing to request and accept lesbian efforts when they need us and unwilling to give anything back when you ask, but I won't. On the other hand, I do hope that any of the people who are responsible for treating me in such an arrogant, inappropriate and hurtful manner are at least a little ashamed of themselves.

Angela Koenig
San Francisco

Bible Study

R. Hart's Sept. 9 letter, "The Word of God?" is really frightening in its oversimplification of a complex subject—namely, the attitudes toward the Bible held by believing Christians and Jews and by

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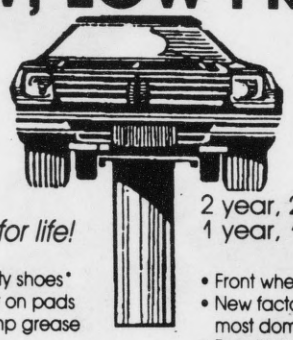

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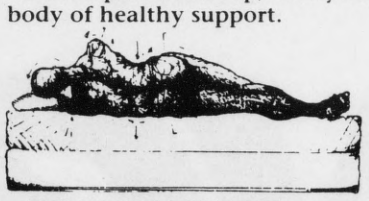

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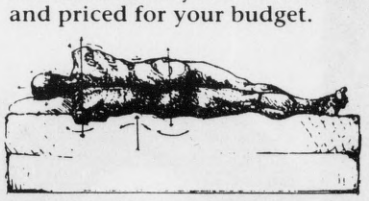

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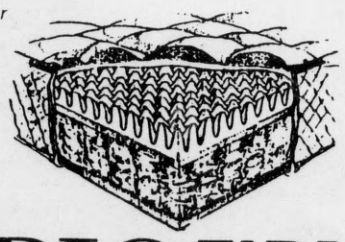

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specific traditions within Christianity and Judaism.

Hart pontificates that Adolph Hitler claimed his actions were motivated by his hearing and obeying the Word of God, but Hart fails to document his claim with any historical evidence. I don't know if his pontification is or is not factually true, but it seems to be incompatible with Hitler's anti-religious nationalism, which taught that Germany had to rid itself of all citizens who were not racially pure Aryans. Hitler's nationalistic exclusiveness was secularist, not religious, in its content.

I lack familiarity with all Christian and Jewish traditions—except Roman Catholicism and its sister Western Christian liturgical church, Anglicanism. Neither of these two liturgical churches hold that the Bible is to be read literally or that God dictated the scriptures to the several Jewish or Christian authors whose works collectively comprise the Bible.

Roman Catholic and Anglican biblical scholars are very aware that a clear interpretation of scripture necessitates the placement of the particular biblical reading within its known or possibly known historical era. I think both Eastern Orthodoxy and mainline Protestantism hold the identical approach to the Bible as Roman Catholic and Anglican believers.

Frankly, I personally think—although my Roman Catholic Church does not—that whatever the Hebrew testament means or does not mean should be left to Jewish biblical scholars and Jewish believers. From what I can see, possibly erroneously on my part, Roman Catholic Christians are always seeing forerunners to Jesus of Nazareth within the Hebrew scriptures and I don't think that is what these scriptures are all about.

Contrary to what the large numbers of anti-Catholic Bay Area queers like to think, we Roman Catholics usually think for ourselves, motivated solely by our desire for a clear conscience. Hart and Bay Area queers who likewise oversimplify complex subjects and fail to produce historical documentation need to realize the great damage they do to the virtues of truth and justice.

James F. Gibbons
San Leandro

A Simple Question

As a law-abiding, tax-paying lesbian I must ask this question of my gay sisters and brothers: Why are we paying taxes to a country that does not recognize even our basic civil rights?

Seems to be a simple question with no simple answer.

June R. Thomas
San Leandro

Resources for Battered Lesbians

I read in the *SF Bay Times* that WAC's Sept. 14 meeting would be addressing lesbian domestic violence and I decided to attend. After attending the first hour and a half, which was devoted to a panel comprised of members of the San Francisco Network for Battered Lesbians and Bisexual Women, I was compelled to write a response.

I am a lesbian. I am a survivor of abuse. And I am an active volunteer in the lesbian domestic violence movement.

After definitions, examples and some discussion at this meeting, a woman asked a question regarding resources available to victims of lesbian domestic violence. The panel members responded that no resources are available except a support group which they will be forming sometime in the future. A few panel members proceeded to state that, for various reasons, there is not one hotline or agency in the Bay Area to which they would refer lesbian victims.

While it is true that homophobia exists within the domestic violence movement, as it does in most aspects of life, and I would not refer a lesbian to a homophobic agency, not every hotline or agency in the Bay Area is useless. Panel members' personal issues with specific staff members at agencies should not be grounds for telling lesbian victims that they have no place to turn for help! With this type of self-serving agenda, the victim becomes victimized once again. Those of us in the movement must work together to help lesbian victims of domestic violence!

I am saddened that a roomful of women—many of whom are lesbians—heard that they have no resources in the Bay Area. I am also disappointed that a panel of women active in the domestic violence movement would feel justified in giving out this false information. Battered lesbians do have resources. We have access to local agencies with experienced and caring staffs. I have listed a few below, and further referrals can be obtained through these phone numbers.

Battered Women's Alternative, (510) 930-8300; W.O.M.A.N., Inc., (415) 864-4722; Marin Abused Women's Services, (415) 924-6616; Asian Women's Shelter, (415) 731-7100.

Kari Kalbfell

Only to Entertain

We the cast and crew of *Women in the Shadows* would like to respond to the charges that we condone woman-to-woman battering. *Of course we don't!* Does *anyone?* Nor do we believe our queer, campy, little comedy inspired or legitimized battering of any kind. Humor is a great deterrent to violence, and the play quite clearly ridiculed the alcoholic, deceitful, abusive, self-loathing behavior it depicted. Our intention was only to amuse and entertain, and frankly we're just a teensy bit *shocked, appalled* and *insulted* that anyone would accuse us of trying to promote lesbian-battering.

We would like to apologize to the Women's Action Coalition (which received 10 percent of the play's profits and to whom the accusations were directed) for exposing them to the wrath of our disgruntled theater patrons. Perhaps consolation can be found in the fact that theater, unlike pious declarations of opposition to universally deplored anti-social behavior, is always subject to varied interpretations, and that the vast majority of those who saw the play did not take offense.

The cast, crew and production team of *Women in the Shadows*
San Francisco

Still on Their Backs

The following letter was sent to Christopher Culwell, Arts Editor, San Francisco Sentinel:

Thank you very much for publishing Erin Blackwell's interview with me, and for your suport of *On Our Backs* magazine.

I am concerned, however, that the interview implied that the previous editorial staff members (in particular our photographer Phyllis Christopher, who was named in the article) were laid off because we were dissatisfied by their performance. This is simply not true. First of all, because *On Our Backs* is a small, lesbian-run business, we are subject to financial difficulties, and it was because of such difficulties that we were forced to lay off several employees this summer. All of them were welcome to return. Christopher—in contrast to what the interview implied—stayed on as staff photographer, and it is our sincere hope that the old staff will continue to be friends of, and regular contributors to, *On Our Backs.*

On Our Backs enjoyed many very successful years under the leadership of my predecessor Marcy Sheiner, her assistant Shar Rednour, Christopher and designer Robin Simmons. This success can be attested to by anyone who had the pleasure (for example) of reading Sheiner's groundbreaking work on transgenderism, or of seeing Christopher's delightful "Elvis Is a Lesbian!" pictorial, or of attending Rednour's rowdy "Boxer Babe Contest" promotional party. I extend my heartfelt apologies to these women if, in my enthusiasm about the future of *On Our Backs,* I misrepresented their commitment and contribution to the magazine.

Finally, for those *Sentinel* readers who fear that under my direction *On Our Backs* will devolve into a screwfest populated by men and animals, I assure you that our magazine will always be a high-quality lesbian magazine about lesbian women's diverse and beautiful sexualities.

Heather Findlay
Editor, *On Our Backs*
San Francisco

Identity as a Two-Way Dynamic

As a woman of mixed Latina/Anglo heritage who for a lifetime has been ostracized by Chicano groups because I'm "too white," I've learned that identity is a two-way dynamic. There's the group(s) you identify with and then there's the group(s) which identify with you. For some of us, a slippage occurs between these two categories.

I've learned not to go socially where I'm not welcome. Instead, I go where I am welcome. I've also stopped contributing my money, my labor and my artistic creativity to Latino groups touting "self-determination" who reserve the prerogative to define my ethnicity as white, regardless of the fact that Spanish is my mother tongue, that my mother is a first generation Chicana, etc. But that hasn't affected my individual sense of ethnic identity or my involvement in the community as a bilingual teacher. And I'm still awakened on my birthdays by my mother calling to sing "Las Mananitas" to me.

Perhaps transsexual women who challenge the Michigan policy are in a position, with respect to sex, which is similar to mine, with respect to race. I spent years supporting the community that excludes me, expecting eventual social acceptance. It was exhausting and painful. The outcome was that the leaders finally put into words, publicly, the rejection that had been expressed nonverbally all along.

I was at Michigan and I couldn't help but notice what creative, brave and effective organizers the transsexual women were. They staffed a table, held workshops and kept all the "PortaJanes" leafletted with a variety of messages. They were even there to wave goodbye to departing buses at the festival's end. Why not organize a Gender-Free music and dance festival? Seems to me it could be a lot of fun. And then, instead of supporting one festival that isn't welcoming to transsexuals and confronting the same painful rejection over and over again, transsexuals could enjoy the community created by the Gayest Festival of all! Bi's could come with their lovers, regardless of genitalia, and everybody could have the opportunity to have fun and feel what it would be like to live for a week in a place where what's between a person's legs is extraneous to the social order.

Name withheld by request
Menlo Park

Chris Isaak's Homophobia

I would like to report derogatory remarks about k.d. lang's gay identity which were made by Chris Isaak in front of an audience of about 20,000 people at the Tina Turner concert at Shoreline Amphitheater in Mountain View, on Saturday, Sept. 11.

During a rambling, supposedly comedic monologue, Isaak referred to "someone in a hotel room, naked, looking manly and hirsute—it was k.d. lang!"

A minute later in the monologue he was talking about "a *man's* loving," and again referred to lang, saying, "She didn't get any, she didn't want any," in a very derogatory tone.

Aside from these homophobic and stupid remarks, Isaak twice insulted the people in the audience who had lawn seats by saying, in effect, they were cheapskates for having bought the cheap seats.

In any case it occurred to me that Tina Turner, who probably did not hear Isaak's remarks, would never support a personal attack on lang for her being a lesbian. Furthermore, lang, if she had been able to defend herself, probably would have mopped up the floor with the homophobic Isaak.

I have written the above information to GLAAD, hoping they will publicize this information about Chris Isaak's remarks.

Jerry Berbiar
San Francisco

Vigil for Democracy

Take Back San Francisco! will have a "Vigil for Democracy" table in front of the main library in the Civic Center from 3 pm till 6 pm every Monday through Saturday until further notice, gathering signatures for its campaign finance reform initiative for the June 1994 ballot.

Information will also be available on district elections, the "Ban the Incumbent Slush Funds" ballot proposition, how to defeat NAFTA, etc.

Volunteers are badly needed to keep this vigil going, to expand its hours, and to establish vigils at other locations around town. To volunteer or to receive an information packet, call 474-6200, ext. 501, or simply drop by the table.

Larry Kisinger
Take Back San Francisco!

Trouble at Juvenile Hall

Eleven prisoners attempted to escape from the San Francisco Youth Guidance Center (Juvenile Hall) with the result that, as of now, ten of them have been recaptured and sent back to the Guidance Center.

Mayor Frank Jordan is now blaming the whole juvenile justice system of the City. When cases like this one happen, no one really knows who to blame.

People have always accused juveniles of getting away with murder. Now that is too literally true. Across the United States, a pattern of crime has emerged that is both perplexing and appalling. Many youngsters appear to be robbing and raping, maiming and murdering as casually as they go to a movie or join a pickup baseball game. A new type of juvenile is emerging, and there is no more terrifying figure in America today.

The system doesn't realize that America's youth are killing each other. It is too easy to blame someone else for that which we are all responsible for. Not long ago the California Supreme Court passed the Parental Law, in which not only juveniles would be charged with any kind of violations, but parents could be charged with irresponsible parenting. We can blame everyone but that doesn't solve the real problem, it only creates confusion in those who are

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Whose Heart and Soul?

Changing the Guard at National Gay and Lesbian Task Force

by Tim Kingston

Torie Osborne's sudden resignation as executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force on Sept. 3—barely six months after taking office—and her replacement by veteran NGLTF staffer Peri Jude Radecic—is more than just a top-level personnel shift based on different leadership. The change at the helm of the NGLTF really represents a clash over how to get to the ultimate goal of liberation for the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender communities.

Those mourning Osborne's departure view it as a lost opportunity. They say the selection of Osborne to head NGLTF represented an attempt to professionalize the group so it could grow into a prominent gay-rights power center with a significant national presence.

"She was ahead of her time," says one board member of a nationally prominent gay rights group in Washington, D.C. "She has a business background and she wanted to run it like a professional business." He added, "The Task Force has no D.C. presence, and she wanted to make it a real force. I think some of the board and a good deal of the staff were not ready to do what it takes."

For others, Osborne's resignation is a relief. They argue her original selection was a sellout—a Faustian bargain that could ultimately have cost the NGLTF its grassroots soul in exchange for big bucks and traditional political power.

The dispute over which of the two visions should be followed has been brewing ever since Osborne was picked for the executive director's post. Ivo Dominguez Jr. resigned from the NGLTF board last December rather than fight Osborne's initial tidal wave of support that included both the staff and board after she was chosen to head the group. Dominguez's resignation foreshadowed current criticism of Osborne by several months. "Torie was leading the Task Force toward being a more mainstream organization. That is the wrong thing for the Task Force because we already have...organizations close to the mainstream. The Task Force's real strength is that it is a national organization that espouses progressive politics in moving to liberation for sexual minorities." Dominguez added, "It began to feel this was like the board of the Red Cross, except the people are queer on it."

Osborne, whose resignation is effective Nov. 1, will be replaced by Radecic, former director of public policy for the NGLTF. Radecic was interim executive director of the NGLTF between November 1992 and March 1993, during a four-month leave of absence that Osborne negotiated with the board prior to joining the agency. Barely a fortnight after Osborne's recent resignation, Radecic was tapped as executive director at a Sept. 11 board meeting. The board of directors' vote to endorse Radecic was almost unanimous, with only one abstention out of 24 possible votes.

Osborne's decision to quit came as a shock to many in Washington, D.C., who would normally be aware of such a resignation before the local gay press made the announcement. And, of course, speculation is rife about what prompted the move. Even Radecic, then public policy director, only found out at the last minute. "Torie made this decision on her own," says Radecic. "When I got the call, I was on vacation. I had just got off the Bear Tooth Highway in Montana."

Torie Osborne's tenure as ED at the Task Force was short, but not-so-sweet, by many accounts.

Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland.

Everyone contacted for the story agrees that Radecic and Osborne, for the most part, shared the same long-term goals: expanding the organization, widening the impact of its grassroots organizing. But unlike Osborne, Radecic is familiar with the organization's inner workings. She has several years of experience at NGLTF both as a lobbyist on the Hill, and in the day-to-day small-group decision-making process used by the Task Force.

According to board member Bill Bailey, Osborne's sudden departure after only six months was "an acknowledgment that the organization made a mistake" in hiring the former director of the L.A. Gay and Lesbian Services Center. Radecic's appointment "is a move to assure consolidation of the organization at a pivotal moment of lesbian and gay activism." Bailey added, "I don't see it as a step back. Peri Jude has been with the organization. She knows and is [part] of the historical culture of the organization."

While Bailey believes Radecic has the same overall goals as Osborne, he says she will implement them "without the trauma being experienced with Torie." The difference between Radecic and Osborne's leadership style is significant, says Bailey. "Torie had a vision of where we were going and, dammit, we will get there. I don't think Peri Jude's vision is that different. But her style is one that is more incremental. The real question," says Bailey reflectively, "is whether the times allow for incremental change in the face of the onslaught from the conservative right."

OSBORNE'S OWN GOAL: MOVEMENT LEADER, NOT "JUST" ANOTHER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

"The real story is, it was not a fit. It did not work out," says Torie Osborne. "Once I settled into the reality of the job in May and June [after the March on Washington and the Gays in the Military defeat], it was clear that the internal demands...on a new person [who was] putting in place basic systems was not what I wanted to be doing."

Osborne says three factors led to her decision: the explosive growth of the Task Force that coincided with the election of President Clinton, the resultant demands that growth placed on her time in terms of reformulating the NGLTF's day-to-day management structure, and finally, her eventual realization that her true goal is to be a movement leader and strategist, not an agency manager.

"I do not want to be an executive director," says Osborne. "What it means to be an executive director is not the same as to be an organizer, or a leader in a movement. It is just not the same. I kind of knew that when I left the [L.A. Gay and Lesbian Community Services] Center. But, I *sure* know that now."

What Osborne wants is a strategic national-movement role as a top-level policy maker. "We are on the cusp," says Osborne. "We need to develop an agenda and learn the lessons of the military defeat. [Being a director] is not what you need people like me with 20 years of experience doing. If seasoned people are not out in front, rethinking the path of the movement, then you cede that territory to self-appointed crazies that shout." (Osborne declined to say if she was referring to activist Michael Petrelis, who is renowned for his high-decibel antics with ACT UP/D.C. and Queer Nation, D.C.)

According to Radecic, a communication breakdown may have accounted in part for Osborne's resignation. "It was my impression that she really thought she was going to do one job, and the board felt it was a different job. Torie wanted to be an executive director that was much more [externally focused] than an organization could support or should support. She was very focused on visibility and fundraising. An executive director should do that," says Radecic, "but not at the expense of the organization. [Osborne] did not want to deal in that level of detail."

A more jaundiced, and frequently voiced, analysis of Osborne's tenure came from a staffer at another gay-rights organization in Washington, D.C. "She clearly wanted to be a media star and did not want to do any work. Big-picture public speaking and writing—that is what she thought the game would be: 'Let me do what I want to do, but don't bother me with details.' "

In the first few months of her tenure, Osborne was doing exactly what she wanted to be doing—spending at least 60 percent of her time on the road, "growing" the NGLTF. She successfully caught the imagination of a mainstream media that is only now coming to grips with homosexuality. Not only do gays and lesbian exist, but now media producers realize the community makes "Very Good Copy." In addition, Osborne doubled the fundraising base of the organization, helping its budget expand from $2.1 million to $3.3 million in six months. Under Osborne, the major donor base grew by 25 percent. She also helped develop a two-year strategic plan for NGLTF that included major program expansions, among them a nationwide "Fight the Right" campaign, as well as campus and workplace organizing programs, and a new Health Advocacy Project.

On top of those efforts, Osborne initiated a drive to move the NGLTF out of its cramped headquarters above the Whitman Walker Clinic to a new, more spacious office. "The first thing I said at the staff meeting [in March] was we have got to get out of here," says Osborne. "We have got to move. This organization has to upgrade. [The staff] deserves a better quality of life."

Osborne acknowledges her leaving the organization will create some level of disruption. But she also asserts, "I did 18 months of work in six months. I feel really good about what I did there...I don't think there is a net loss to the Task Force. It is disruptive to have someone leave after six months, that is for sure. However, when you do a cost/benefit analysis, I can't see anything but benefit."

THE BIG AND LITTLE PICTURES

"What I came to D.C. to do was big-picture work— framing the issues, and in terms of the organization, to help the organization grow," says

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Osborne. "I had a reputation for growing organizations. That is why I was hired." But Osborne admitted that the process of "growing" the NGLTF into a larger and more productive organization took more time and energy than she could have imagined when she said "yes" to the executive director's position.

Where her previous job involved overseeing a staff of 150, the NGLTF only had about 20 members. Yet being executive director of the NGLTF actually involved much more day-to-day hands-on management—more than Osborne was used to. Richard Wood, Osborne's former executive assistant, says Osborne took on additional responsibilities which previous directors had left to him. Indeed, Wood was redefined out of a job in August by Osborne's decision to integrate many of his work functions into her job description. The result, according to Wood, was "more and more things were left for her to do. That is part of the reason [her] job became unmanageable...She kept too much on herself and it was more than any one person could do."

Asked if she should have had a more realistic perception of what demands a small but rapidly growing organization might make on her time, Osborne replies, "It was a situation of jumping into a pond and it being deeper than I knew." The time and energy required to move the agency into the next phase of effectiveness was just too much work for her to accomplish, says Osborne.

"You can't shift a management structure overnight," says Osborne, who suggested it would have taken at least a year of solid internal work to get the Task Force to the point where she could get back out on the road. That reorganization would have involved introducing a new level of management, which she believes is necessary for the NGLTF to function as a larger organization. A key element of that reform would have required the board to split the executive director's position in two: one person dealing with the internal management of the group and the other dealing with strategic planning for the movement, major donor fundraising and media visibility. Osborne wanted to occupy the latter position.

To successfully retool the management structure of the NGLTF, Osborne would have also had to completely reformulate the decision making structure of the agency, which was based on a more democratic model than Osborne was used to. Osborne says such reforms are "a level of brick building I did not have the energy for. The truth is, I did not want to do it."

The combination of an executive director who spent 60 percent of her time on the road, and an organization that was growing at a phenomenal rate might still have been worked out were it not what is politely called "cultural differences" between the NGLTF's organizational climate and Osborne's style of leadership.

"The organizational culture is something you don't know until you get there," says Osborne. Osborne's preferred decision-making process and the process in place at the NGLTF are diametrically different, according to Radecic. "We move forward in ad hoc groups of decision makers. Work we do is done in groups. The decisions are not made by one individual. We just spread out the work that way.... Torie's style is to make decisions quickly...without dealing with the culture that already existed." Radecic suspected that the NGLTF's decision-making process was a source of frustration to Osborne.

Radecic's explanation was confirmed by a board member with another gay organization, who talked to Osborne shortly before her resignation was made public. "Torie was working to get a better Board of Directors and was also trying to shake up the staff. And in doing so, there were a lot of staff conflicts, a staff rebellion. What she wanted to do was bring in her own chief operations officer, and the board did not support her."

Board members at the NGLTF, however, deny that a clash between Osborne and the rest of the staff and board led to her departure from the agency. "I have heard that theory," says board co-chair Elizabeth Birch. "I don't subscribe to it." Birch adds that Osborne's management style could have worked in a variety of settings, and the real conflict occurred when Osborne realized the next step for the organization was internal reorganization. "She looked at what was required and the mix was just not what would interest her."

Board secretary Ruth Eisenberg says she also talked at length with Osborne about the departure. Eisenberg backs Birch's position and denies managerial style differences were at the root of the resignation. Eisenberg pointed out that the Task Force was already implementing a "somewhat more hierarchical structure" to accommodate the organization's expected growth. She says Osborne "has a somewhat different style from Peri Jude but not that different from Urvashi [Vaid]. Their styles are different. It was a change for the staff. They were working on it," says Eisenberg, "[but] that is definitely not why she left."

Without exception, all the board members contacted by *SF Bay Times* congratulated Osborne for making a decision quickly rather than allowing a dysfunctional situation to drag on to the possible detriment of NGLTF. "She realized she was deeply unhappy and she changed her mind," says Eisenberg. "I am glad we had her for six months. It is unfortunate. But I don't know if there is anything deeper to it."

"She made an earnest commitment and it did not work out," says Urvashi Vaid, Osborne's predecessor. "I admire her courage for saying this was not right."

PERI'S WORLD

The relief of the NGLTF board and staff at the selection of Radecic as executive director is almost palpable.

"Fantastic," "marvelous" and "terrific" are all adjectives bandied about in response. Several board members stressed how well Radecic gets along with the staff. They also stress her familiarity with the organization as a result of six years of work in a variety of posts at the NGLTF. Staff members contacted at the NGLTF also had nothing but praise for Radecic. All the glee surrounding the appointment seems to indicate that morale during Osborne's brief tenure was not

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what it could have been.

Radecic's history at the NGLTF includes work as a lobbyist, legislative director and director of public policy. She is credited with being the architect of the coalition that got the Hate Crimes Statistics Act passed in 1992. According to Curtis Shepard, a four-year veteran of the NGLTF board who just stepped down, Radecic "knows the Task Force inside out. She has been the egg in the meat loaf, holding it all together." Shepard adds, "She is funny and engaging, and she is a great speaker. She has the undying respect of the staff. I have watched her with major donors and watched her do media and I think she is great."

Radecic, for her part, makes it clear she will be a very accessible executive director. "People will not have a hard time getting hold of me." In many ways Radecic's appointment is not a radical change, since she had already held the job for four months, and because during Osborne's tenure "the internal stuff fell on my shoulders more."

In addition, Radecic says she has no intention of radically restructuring the agency internally: "Torie and I disagree on that." Where Osborne wanted to split the executive director's job in two, immediately, Radecic says the NGLTF is not large enough to sustain such a move, yet. Radecic also asserts that the management-team approach used by the agency for decision making will remain in place. That approach involves joint decision-making carried out by the executive director, the development director, the finance and administration director and the public information director.

"I want to assure people that in this transition we will not miss a step," says Radecic. "The program will grow and we will continue to produce."

Radecic views the primary goal of the NGLTF as building a national movement at the state, federal and local level through the development and introduction of specific interrelated programs. That is done through the civil rights project, the Fight the Right campaign, sodomy law repeal efforts, the workplace and campus projects and the new health care advocacy project, explains Radecic.

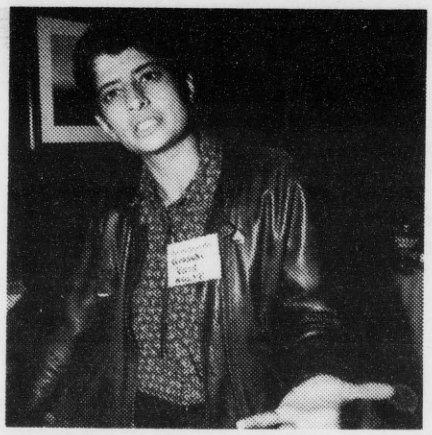
"We build state and local movements through these programs," says Radecic. "You can't really prioritize. You can't achieve victory without knowing how to speak to the media. You can't achieve visibility to pass civil rights laws if you are not thinking about the increase in violence that happens with that visibility...All these things go together."

GROWTH: A PROGRESSIVE CONUNDRUM

As so often happens "when a major change happens and major screw-up occurs, the desire is to want to identify the bad guy or villain," says board member Bill Bailey.

But in this case there was no villain, he says. Instead, "there was clearly miscommunication between the board and the staff during her selection." The miscommunication between the board, staff and Osborne went deeper than simply Osborne's desire to focus on the external aspects of "growing" NGLTF. Bailey says what was not understood was the "fundamental change" that Osborne's vision of the NGLTF entailed.

No longer was the Task Force to be a smallish activist and program-driven organization. Instead, it was to become a major player in the world of traditional high-stakes politics. That would mean a change in the nature of the board to include a much greater emphasis on fundraising, and a faster-reacting and more professional organization and staff much more under the influence and direction of the executive director.



Urvashi Vaid, former ED at NGLTF, now writing about her experiences. Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland.

That professionalization is where the conflict lies, says Bailey. "There is an incredible tension between the grassroots activist community and the kind of institutional organizational structures that are fundamentally necessary to make nonprofit organizations exist and thrive."

Bailey says, like it or not the gay and lesbian movement will have to take on some things the activist community often finds to be anathema: "the ability to be more corporate in its ability to raise and develop money; to be more corporate and hierachical in staff structure; to truly accept and adopt and integrate some of the rules and experience that the business community [has] learned."

To be successful, many of those business structures are absolutely essential simply for a gay political organization to survive—let alone thrive, says San Francisco Task Force board member Carmen Vazquez. "In order to grow and have a viable program...we need to have a board that can raise money," says Vazquez. She says the board was beginning to successfully raise funds for the Task Force, but "Torie wanted to accelerate the process quicker than [the board] could cope with."

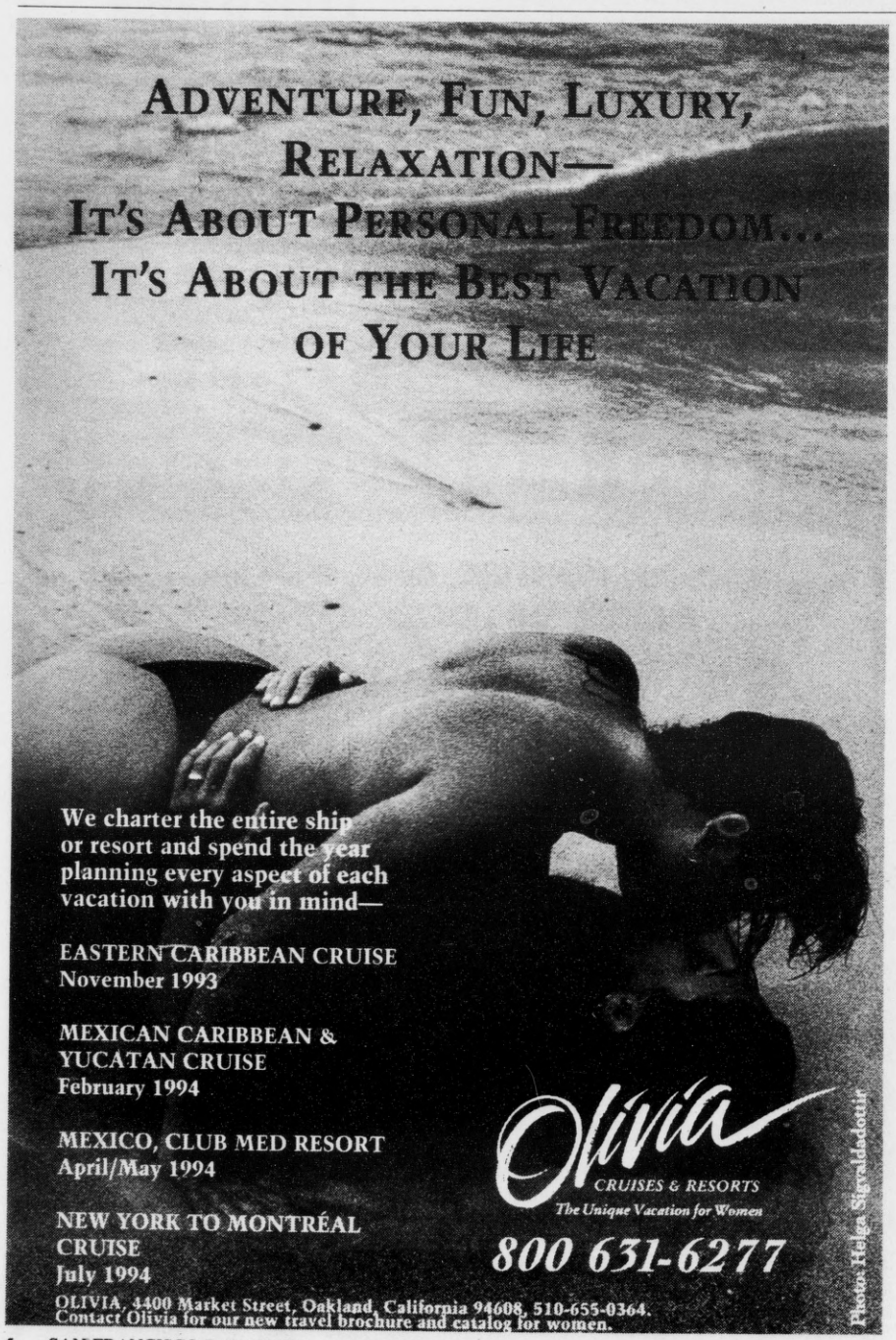
"We have to learn how to manage ourselves," says Vazquez. "But the movement as a whole has just pooh-poohed that notion. We have just taken well-known activists [and put them in] to fix an organization. That will not work. We need to take seriously the professionalization of our organizations. The problem is how do we do that without losing the progressive vision we have? How can we do that and maintain an activist organization?"

If one juxtaposes the NGLTF and the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the difference between a fully professional and a grassroots organization could not be plainer. HRCF attracts big money, has an effective lobbying machine, succeeds in walking the halls of power and gets heard. But the cost, says Bailey, is that the HRCF "is not in touch with the heart and soul of lesbian/gay activism."

"Unfortunately," posits Bailey, "raising really big bucks is what the Task Force and the lesbian/gay community will have to do [in order] to battle the forces of the far right."

Compared to the far right, the lesbian/gay/bisexual communities' financial resources are puny, and Bailey asserts, "Until some of our organizations embrace the nation of making a lot of money and not be ashamed of it...we will continue to have these kinds of conflicts."

It is a "damned if you do and damned if you don't" situation, says Bailey. "The experience of the Left in the 20th century has been that we have not successfully developed models that are different from the corporate hierachical systems." He says the organizations that have tried to develop alternatives have not grown or expanded to meet the needs of the world they operate in. Yet the ones that have accommodated themselves to the system have lost a lot of their heart and soul: "It is part of that historical continuum that NGLTF is struggling with now." ✿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Senate Backs "Let's Keep Lying" Policy

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Senate recently voted 63 to 33 to endorse the Nunn-Skelton "don't ask, don't tell" policy which allows gays and lesbians into the military as long as they don't reveal their homosexuality.

The vote came on the heels of an amendment from Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.) and Ben Nighthorse Campbell (D-Colo.) to remove the Nunn military language from the bill and leave future personnel decisions in the hands of the executive branch.

The Sam Nunn (D-Ga.) language goes beyond the "don't ask, don't tell" gibberish proposed by Slick Willie in July. It gives the Pentagon the right to reintroduce a policy of asking recruits about their sexual orientation. In addition, the Nunn proposal does not include the president's assertion that witchhunts will end or that the military codes of conduct will be enforced strictly and equally for all personnel.

In her statement supporting her amendment, Boxer said, "As former Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman (sic) Barry Goldwater has stated, banning loyal Americans from the armed forces because of their sexual orientation is 'just plain un-American.' " Boxer said the issue comes down to "whether we will codify a policy of deceit that forces honest men and women to lie in order to serve their country."

Supporting Boxer, Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) said, "It is my belief that the code before us is really barking up an unconstitutional tree. This code is not 'don't ask, don't tell.' This code is 'don't be.'"

Human Rights Campaign Fund Director Tim McFeeley said after the defeat of the Boxer amendment that "This is not the end of the debate, nor is it the beginning of the end. It is the end of the beginning. Ultimately, we will prevail."

Spokespersons for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force called the defeat of the Boxer amendment "sanctioned discrimination."

A similar "Let's all keep lying" policy is being pushed by the House Rules Committee. Didn't their parents ever tell these legislators that it's not right to lie?

A special finger for Lou Sheldon, one of many gifts delivered by demonstrators when he spewed his homophobic hatred on Sept. 19 at an SF rally. Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland.

Lesbian Can't Be Mother, Judge Rules

RICHMOND - Judge Buford Parsons of the Henrico County Circuit Court has denied Sharon Bottoms custody of her son simply because she is a lesbian and lives with another woman. Bottoms' mother, Kay, filed for custody, charging that her daughter's lesbianism makes her an unfit mother.

The Bay Area chapter of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Discrimination (GLAAD) has condemned what it calls "an official act of public hate." According to GLAAD, "Compounding this bias crime against our community was the abject failure of much of the media to investigate the judge's profound ignorance and glaring homophobia."

Update on 400 Castro

SAN FRANCISCO - Negotiations between Bank of America, the Lurie Company and the lesbian/gay/bisexual community concerning use of the former BofA building at 400 Castro St. have reached a critical point.

The Lurie Company, which owns the building, must give its consent to and participate in the agreement for the use of the space as a center for gay/lesbian/bisexual activities. Since December 1992, the AIDS/HIV Life Center and Golden Gate Performing Arts have worked with BofA to secure the space for the queer community. Cogs turn slowly in the corporate world.

Meanwhile, Noah's Bagels has agreed to occupy a small portion of the building, paying the entire rent of $4,910 per month for the eight years of the lease. In addition, the business will contribute over $100,000 to improve the remainder of the building.

If all goes well, AIDS-related services could be in place at 400 Castro by March, 1994. BofA vacated the building in October 1992.

Fundraiser Planned for Library Gay Section

SAN FRANCISCO - The Founders' Dinner to raise funds for the Gay and Lesbian Center of San Francisco's New Main Library will be held on Oct. 2 at the Hyatt Regency, 5 Embarcadero Center.

When it opens in 1995, the center will be the world's most comprehensive permanent collection of gay/lesbian/bisexual contributions to literature and the visual arts from the last 100 years. "This dinner will enable us to complete our dream to create and nurture a world-class center celebrating the importance of gay and lesbian culture for generations to come—right here in San Francisco," said Mark R. Leno, co-chair of the event and member of the Founders' Dinner Committee.

Over $1 million of the $1.6 million needed to fund the center has already been raised from private donations and several foundation grants. Gays/lesbians/bisexuals who pledge $1,000 or more can have their names permanently displayed on a plaque in the center.

Tickets are $150 and can be reserved by calling the Library Foundation offices at (415) 391-5582. Local comic Marga Gomez is the emcee for the dinner, which also features Andrew Sullivan, editor of *New Republic*, and Jewelle Gomez, author and recipient of a Lambda Literary Award.

It's Not Legal Yet?

SAN FRANCISCO - Stealing a line from Barbra Streisand's "Live at the Forum" CD, Supervisor Kevin Shelly is asking, "You mean, it's not legal yet?"

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to marijuana, which was approved for medical use by 80 percent of the residents of the City in November 1991. More recently, State Senate Joint Resolution 8 passed both houses, calling upon Congress and the Clinton administration to enact appropriate legislation permitting the prescription of medical marijuana by licensed physicians.

Now, Shelly is taking matters into his own lungs, uh, hands. On Oct. 26, at 10 am, Shelly's Committee on Health, Public Safety and Environment will consider testimony to allow patients to cultivate weed for their own personal health. San Franciscans are encouraged to add their two cents to the proceedings.

Needle Exchange: It's in Wilson's Court

SACRAMENTO - A bill to establish a statewide pilot needle exchange program passed the Senate, and is now in the hands of California Gov. Pete Wilson.

If signed into law, it would require the state Department of Health Services to establish the clean needle and syringe exchange pilot project in the city and county of San Francisco, authorizing "pharmacists, physicians, and certain persons authorized under the pilot project to furnish hypodermic needles and syringes without a prescription or permit as prescribed through the pilot project."

The bill also permits the health department to approve similar pilot programs in other California communities upon the request of that community's board of supervisors and its health officer.

Wilson last year vetoed identical legislation because, he said, no compelling evidence showed needle exchanges to be effective. Of course, the governor obviously hasn't examined the large body of evidence that supports needle exchange. Says AIDS Foundation Public Policy Director Regina Aragon, "This legislation is built on solid evaluative data showing that needle exchange programs stem the tide of HIV infection in the injection-drug-using population."

Transgendered Person Murdered

SAN FRANCISCO - Angel Lopez, a transgendered woman, was found brutally murdered early on the morning of Sept. 1 near the corner of Gough and Ellis streets.

Police say that they are investigating the possibilities of domestic violence and killing by a client while engaged in sex work. Police are apparently not currently considering hate crime or vigilante violence as motives.

Says Christine Tayleur of the Tenderloin Self Help Center, "I'm shocked and furious, but sadly not surprised. All of the potential motives boil down to transphobia." Carol Leigh of the Sex Workers Action Coalition, commenting on the possibility that Lopez was a prostitute, says, "Law reform is the only way we can really protect ourselves. You can't protect yourself from abuse, assault and murder when you're busy protecting yourself from the police."

According to a report from Transgender Nation, transsexuals are often the targets of harassment and assaults in the Tenderloin. A candlelight vigil was held on Sept. 13 to commemorate Lopez's death and to draw attention to the plight of transsexuals in the Tenderloin.

Cameron: An Expert Witness?

DENVER - In one of the more bizarre moves in recent legal history, Attorney General Gale Norton plans to call mass-extermination-of-homos advocate Paul Cameron as an expert witness for Colorado in defense of Amendment 2, the statewide anti-gay-rights initiative passed last November.

That initiative is currently under appeal by several pro-gay rights groups. While it is being debated in the courts, a stay on its enforcement is in effect.

"Paul Cameron has called for the mass extermination of homosexuals as a 'final solution' and Gale Norton is endorsing Cameron's position by calling him as an expert witness," says Terry Schleder, president of Boycott Colorado, Inc. A national boycott of the state is in effect until Amendment 2 is defeated.

Boycott endorsers include a long list of organizations and celebrities, including the American Jewish Congress, several cities, Liza Minnelli, Janis Ian, Madonna and Whoopi Goldberg.

NPR Provides Domestic Partners Benefits

WASHINGTON - National Public Radio (NPR) on Oct. 1 will begin providing medical and dental benefits to same-sex and opposite-sex domestic partners of NPR employees.

In commenting on the new policy, Vice President for Finance and Administration Sidney L. Brown said, "We are very pleased that NPR is able to offer this insurance coverage. I think it underscores NPR's commitment to equal treatment for all employees."

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Get Out Your Leather, Boys & Girls

SAN FRANCISCO - Sunday, Sept. 26, beginning at 11 am, is the tenth annual Folsom Street Fair. The "Best Street Fair in San Francisco," as it was dubbed by the *Bay Guardian*, takes place between 7th and 11th streets on Folsom.

Entertainment at the fair this year includes Tom Ammiano, Danny Williams, Ann Drogynous, Souldozer, KerSHMACKidda, KC Frogge, Tamra Gonzalez and others. Produced by the South of Market Merchants and Individuals Lifestyle Events (SMMILE), a not-for-profit organization, money from the event goes to the Godfather Service Fund, Kairos and the San Francisco International Lesbian/Gay Film Festival. For more info, or to volunteer, call SMMILE's message center at (415) 648-FAIR.

Rally for Equality

COLORADO SPRINGS - On Oct. 3 at noon, groups and individuals of all ethnic and cultural backgrounds will gather in Memorial Park in the heart of the city to support the need for challenged minorities to set aside differences and focus on common causes: discrimination, intolerance and bigotry.

The Colorado Unity Rally for Equality (CURE), sponsored by the Colorado Springs Minority Coalition, has as its goals: racial and gender parity in governmental hiring policies; a civilian police review board; an empowered human rights commission; and a human rights ordinance.

Among the speakers will be former National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Director Torie Osborne and gay soldier Joe Zuniga.

Migden Wants Domestic Partners Initiative

SAN FRANCISCO - Supervisor Carole Migden has asked the city attorney to prepare an amendment to San Francisco's charter wiping out rules preventing domestic partners of City workers from receiving retirement benefits. Migden hopes to place the measure, which requires voter approval, on the June 1994 ballot.

San Francisco's charter currently allows only the "spouses" of City employees to receive retirement benefits. While the domestic partners law requires the City to grant the same benefits to domestic partners as it does to spouses, this law does not take precedence over the City's charter, necessitating Migden's planned ballot measure.

"For too many years, lesbians and gay men have been deprived by family, courts and the bureaucracy of the assets built up in their relationships," Migden said.

A Good Cultural Czar?

WASHINGTON - On Sept. 21, the U.S. Senate convened hearings on Pres. Clinton's nominee for head of the National Endowment for the Arts, actress Jane Alexander.

Alexander's nomination comes in the wake of years of attacks on the organization's funding policies by right-wing bigots. Buckling under to this increasing pressure, the NEA withdrew grant awards to four controversial artists, three of whom were queer. Those grants were recently reinstated after a court battle.

Alexander has been active in the arts for over 30 years as an actress, author and producer. She has served on the boards of the American Council for the Arts, the Corporate Theater Fund and Theater Communications Group. She comes highly recommended by the People for the American Way, a progressive watchdog agency that monitors the activities of the religious right (or wrong, as the case may be).

Under One Roof Launches Xmas Card Program

SAN FRANCISCO - The board of Under One Roof—the holiday shop for AIDS relief—has announced a new holiday card program that promises to raise an additional $175,000 during the '93 holiday season.

A direct-mail offer is being sent to individuals and corporations encouraging the purchase of holiday cards from one of 16 AIDS organizations. With underwriting from the employees of Genetech of South San Francisco, Under One Roof will return all the profits from the cards back to the organizations.

The 16 cards were designed by Bay Area artists. For copies of order forms, call (415) 252-8527.

Bills Need Calls

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ters to push Gov. Pete Wilson to sign them.

The bills: (AB 1100 and SB 590) address discriminatory practices used by health insurers in California against PWAs; SB 305 streamlines the procedure for a terminally ill patient to arrange for guardianship of his/her child; and AB 623 strengthens and simplifies the licensure of Residential Care Facilities for the Chronically Ill, state-licensed congregate living facilities where families with HIV can live together.

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Shameless Plug

SAN FRANCISCO - The "Together Forever" show at Red Dora's Bearded Lady on Saturday, Sept. 24 and 25 at 8 pm, will feature a mix of performers, including this reporter who will play guitar and sing with singer Ted Tallase.

The show, organized by Kris Kovick, also features Ellisa Perry, Jessica Patton, Jimmy Jahoda and Susan Herhard's "prick." Red Dora's is located at 485 14th/St. near Guerrero. Admission is $5.

Bits & Pieces I: Local

• Two Bay Area non-profits working for gay/lesbian/bisexual causes and one in San Diego received $1,000 apiece from Wells Fargo Bank in recognition of the efforts of the institution's employees who volunteer for the groups. Ken Allen, Nancy Corporon and Ralph Serpe are the volunteers. Allen works for the Lesbian and Gay Men's Community Center in San Diego; Corporon volunteers for the San Francisco Band Foundation; and Serpe is artistic director for the San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Freedom Band.

• Ma Jaya Sati Bhagavati, an interfaith spiritual teacher from Florida who devotes much of her time to helping people with AIDS, will be in San Francisco on Oct. 5, 7-9 pm, at the Center for Living on 18th Street. Jaya recently made a presentation on AIDS at the centennial Parliament of the World's Religions in Chicago.

• Mobilization Against AIDS Director Mike Shriver was recently elected to the board of directors of the American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR) in New York City. At 30, Shriver is now the youngest member of the board. In addition, Shriver and Pete Staley are the only members of the board who have a street-activist background.

• Project Inform, the San Francisco-based HIV/AIDS treatment information and advocacy agency, plans to hire a new volunteer coordinator in mid-to-late October. Interested applicants should apply to: Project Inform, attn: Ben Collins, 1965 Market St., Suite 220, SF, CA 94103. Deadline is Oct. 8. Women, people of color and people with HIV/AIDS are encouraged to apply. No phone calls.

• The Pelican Bay Information Project will hold a series of events prior to the start of Madrid v. Gomez, a prisoner class-action suit against brutality and prisoner abuse at Pelican Bay State Prison. Opening arguments in the trial began Sept. 17. For more info, call (415) 442-1997.

• On Oct. 23, Alive! Axis Dance Troupe, Melanie DeMore and others will join together to support the Women's Cancer Resource Center and the Charlotte Maxwell Complementary Clinic. The benefit to support women with cancer takes place at the Palace of Fine Arts at 7:30 pm. Guest speakers include June Jordan. For more info, call (510) 653-3379.

• San Jose will hold its second Walk for AIDS on Oct. 17 at 9 am. Registration begins at 8 am. The downtown walk is expected to draw 4,000-5,000 walkers and raise more than $275,000 for the benefiting organizations, which include the Health ETC-El Pueblo Against AIDS, Aris Project and Center for Living with Dying. For more info, call (408) 451-WALK.

• This is your last chance to register for Shanti Project's Volunteer Services Training scheduled for Oct. 1, 2, 3 and 9. At this training, new volunteers will learn peer counseling as well as how to assist persons with AIDS with such tasks as cooking, cleaning, laundry, childcare and shopping. Call Kathryn Ficke at (415) 777-2273 to join the training.

• San Francisco Supervisor Susan Leal has been named to the MediCal Managed Care Steering Committee, where she will represent the Board of Supervisors. Comprised of 17 local leaders in health care from the public and private sectors, the committee is responsible for guiding the development and implementation of a new managed care process for MediCal recipients.

• The Women's Foundation of San Francisco, a 13-year-old nonprofit agency which advocates and provides funding for nonprofit organizations empowering low-income women and girls, recently selected Patricia W. Chang as its new executive director. Chang, with training in law from Stanford, has an extensive background in advocacy and fundraising. "I see my role as a bridge to the political community, and communities of color, in order to continue all of the groundwork that has been laid the past 13 years," says Chang.

• Veneita Porter, an advocate for social justice and public health for diverse populations, is the new executive director of Spectrum, Center for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Concerns. Porter joined the staff at Spectrum, Marin County's primary social service agency addressing queer needs, on Sept. 7.

• As a member of the Senate Subcommittees on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) announced that the Appropriations Committee approved additional funds for two programs to assist PWAs. The Committee restored $26 million in funding for a Veterans Affairs program which funds AIDS research, and approved a $53 million increase for the AIDS Housing Opportunities Act, a housing program for PWAs.

• A group of 122 Bay Area Jews has taken out ads in the *Jewish Bulletin* of Northern California and the *New York Times* Western Edition to criticize the alleged tactics of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith (ADL). Headlined "ADL: Defamation or Anti-Defamation," the ad charges that ADL's recent surveillance practices subvert its more than 80 years of work against racism and anti-Semitism.

• Most straight spouses are supportive of their bisexual partner, according to Dr. Regina

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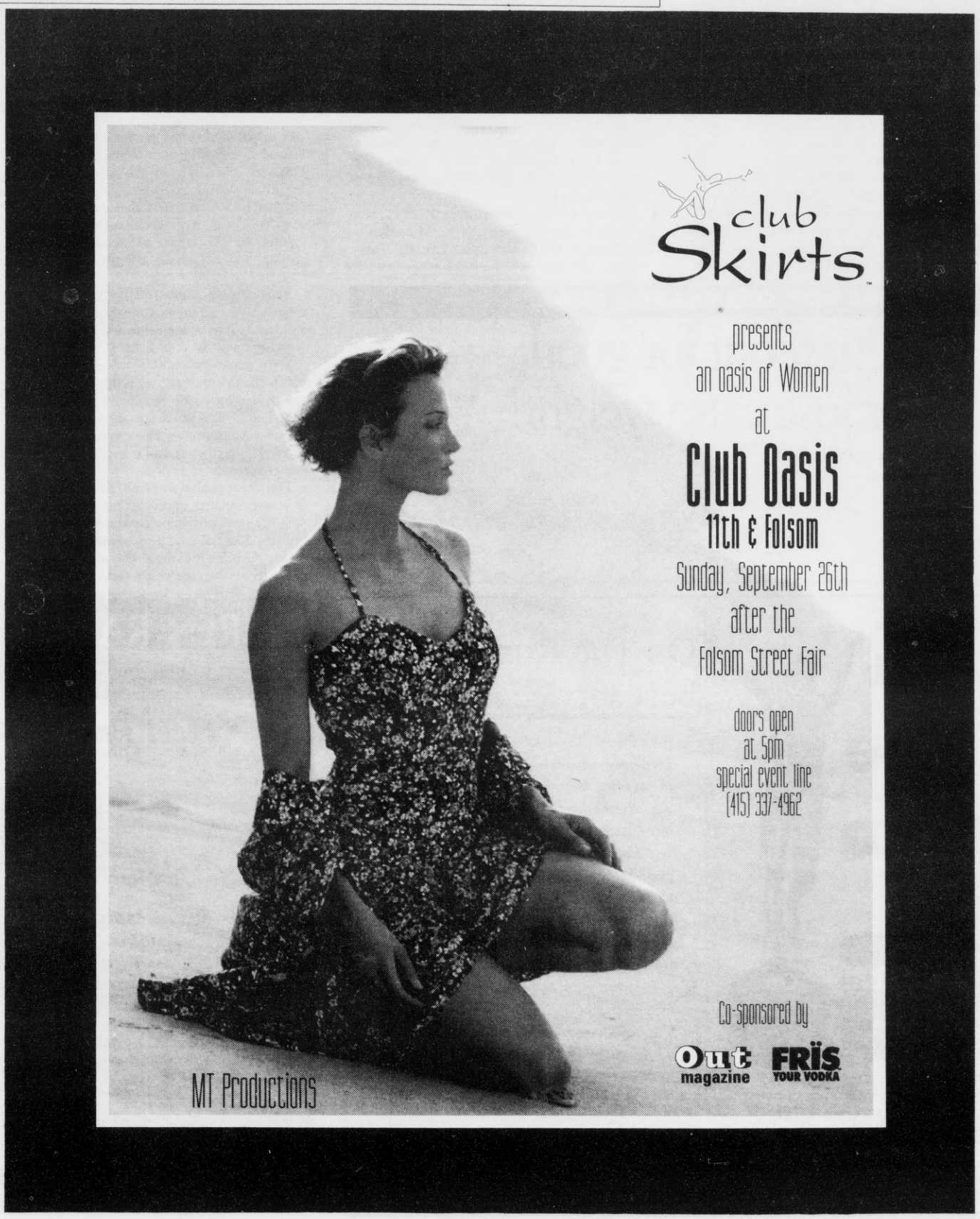

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The Inside Scoop on Being Young and Out

by Rick Aguirre

In the last issue of the *SF Bay Times*, we brought you the story of Elliot Dror, a student at George Washington High School in San Francisco, who campaigned against a homophobic poem written in his school's literary journal. His story, however, is not so unique. Queer youth nationwide are standing up for their rights, and this column is established to make our voices heard and our writing seen.

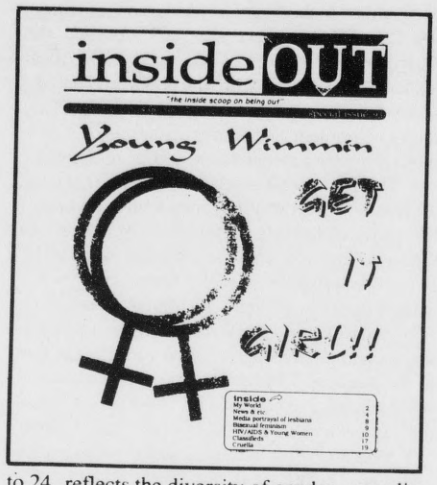
"Young-Eyed" is a new column by and about queer young people. It will bring publicity to the often-overlooked experiences of lesbian, gay and bisexual teenagers and young adults through first- and third-person accounts. We look forward to bringing you stories about queer youth as they happen locally, nationally and internationally.

The column was conceived and is written by staff members of *InsideOUT*, the international newsmagazine by and for queer youth. Originally, *InsideOUT* was simply a newsletter to facilitate BASMYN (Bay Area Sexual Minority Youth Network), a liaison between existing queer youth groups in the San Francisco Bay Area. BASMYN filled a gap in the area's lesbian, gay and bisexual youth community by linking services—letting organizations know what's going on with each other so they could work more closely together. It also prevented re-invention of the wheel, where groups would replicate services to the same target population. While still an offshoot of BASMYN, *InsideOUT* today is a successful venture in its own right.

When letters poured in from all over the country, we realized that such a publication was needed on a larger scale, since nothing else like it existed.

So when what started out as a four-page newsletter with a circulation of 1,000 became more and more well-known, we began to expand our objective. Now, in the month of its two-year anniversary, *InsideOUT* is a booming international queer youth newsmagazine. With a circulation of 5,500, it is distributed all over the United States and Canada, as well as Hong Kong, and parts of Australia and Europe.

It boasts a local, all-volunteer staff of 12, with writers in Seattle, New York, Minneapolis, Washington, D.C., and, most recently, Paris, France. Our staff, which ranges in age from 16 to 24, reflects the diversity of gender, sexuality and ethnicity as only queer youth can.



As our slogan says, "We give you the inside scoop on queer kid issues from politics to ponytails." "You" means every young lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer—whatever—person, inside and out of the United States.

The immediate goal of *InsideOUT* is to give lesbian, gay, bisexual and questioning young people a chance to be published; this includes written work, artwork, illustrations, photography, cartoons, or just about anything our readers would like to see published—by, for and about *themselves*.

We cover sexual minority youth issues like being young and queer, coming out, homophobia, bisexuality, school and campus issues, as well as relevant lesbian, gay and bisexual news, arts and culture. We also feature an international pen pal section and an advice column called "Ask Cruella."

The paper is published quarterly and is topical; there is a general theme for each issue. Our last issue focused on young women. Currently we are working on a "Back-at-School" issue.

What makes *InsideOUT* different from other youth-aimed organizations is that we are a project by and for youth. Adult bureaucracies tend to be intimidating or exasperating to young people who are beginning the coming-out process. *InsideOUT* provides a real sense of identification and community.

The larger goal of *InsideOUT* lies in reaching as many isolated queer young people as we possibly can—providing a positive, reaffirming image of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people—especially to those who are young. Most of the letters we receive are from young people who don't have access to any queer programs. Although we are based in an urban area, the majority of our readers live in rural areas.

Perhaps *InsideOUT's* greatest accomplishment has been its success in reaching small-town America. Because of enthusiastic word of mouth, and our positive reputation among many resources and organizations, we have reached everywhere from mental institutions to farming towns. We've made Peculiar, Mo., a little less so for one reader, and Normal, Ill., a little more for another.

Much of our success has been thanks to the generosity of organizations such as the *SF Bay Times*, which was kind enough to give this space for a much-needed queer youth column. Kristen Bachler has donated us office space at the Delinquency Prevention Commission, where she serves as executive director. Sharon Treece, a printing teacher at John O'Connell High School, has donated her class' printing services—the students there get an opportunity to print a professional publication, and it also keeps *InsideOUT* entirely youth-produced. Paper is occasionally donated by Give Something Back in Oakland, a nonprofit office supply company.

Much of the money that has gone into making *InsideOUT* happen has come from the pockets of those involved, but we still lack funding. Currently we are trying to raise $2,500 for six months' rent to move into our own office. This has become necessary due to our exponential growth.

To defray mailing costs—our biggest expense—we ask $5 for a year's subscription to *InsideOUT* for people 23 and younger, and $12 for those 24 and older. It's payable by postage stamps (which we're always desperate for), cash or checks made payable to "BASMYN."

InsideOUT can now be seen on magazine racks throughout the United States and locally in A Different Light Bookstore. Because of its success in the queer bookstore in San Francisco, *InsideOut* is now sold in Los Angeles, Seattle, Houston, Philadelphia, New York, Boston and Vancouver, British Columbia—and the list is growing.

We encourage all submissions, ideas and comments, especially from young readers of the *SF Bay Times*. We hope you enjoy reading this column as much as we enjoy writing it.

If you are interested in writing for InsideOUT *or "Young-Eyed," please see the youth listings under the resource section of this issue of the* SF Bay Times *for more information. We are always looking for volunteers to help with fundraising, national public relations, mailings and administrative tasks. If you've got some extra time on your hands we sure could use your help! If you're interested, please write us at PO Box 460268, SF 94146 or leave a message at (415) 985-5243.* ✿

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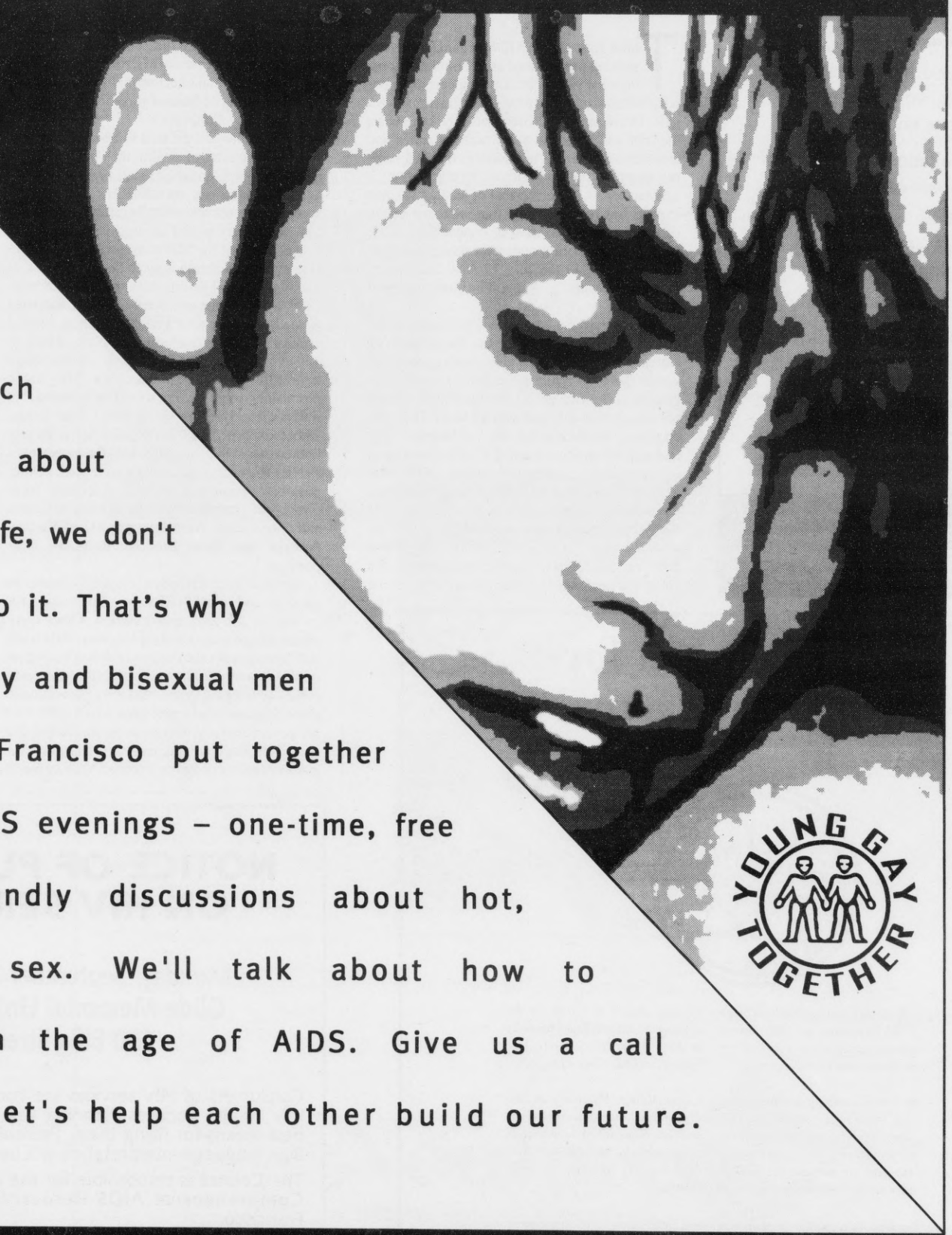

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aids treatment news by john s. james

Vaccine Controversy: The Army gp160 Trial

Three East Coast AIDS organizations are seeking professional and community input on what should be done concerning a bitterly controversial trial of an AIDS treatment vaccine. Decisions must be made quickly; otherwise, the trial will go ahead as currently planned and test only a single vaccine. Neither this outcome, nor stopping the trial without an alternative, is satisfactory. A Federal panel of leading vaccine experts has recommended that another trial, to compare several vaccines, be conducted instead.

This article can only outline the basics of a situation described in the July 17 *New Scientist* as "bizarre events... descending into political farce."

The controversy started when Congress appropriated $20 million for the Department of Defense (DoD; the Army is the lead organization within DoD to conduct this research) to test a vaccine made from the gp160 protein of HIV, to treat persons already infected with the virus. Only one company, MicroGeneSys, Inc., of Meriden, CT, had a gp160 product (named VaxSyn, produced by genetically engineered insect cells) with enough safety data to enter a large trial with thousands of people; most of the other vaccines which have enough data are based on gp120 instead. Leading scientists and health officials have been very concerned that Congress specified a particular product in legislation, instead of letting decisions about which drugs to test be determined by scientific review. (MicroGeneSys got the appropriation by an effective lobbying campaign, including hiring ex-Senator Russell Long of Louisiana to lobby Congress.)

The law allowed the trial to be scuttled if the National Institutes of Health, the Food and Drug Administration, and the Department of Defense agreed (within six months) that the trial as specified was not scientifically justified—in which case the money would be used for other AIDS research instead. So NIH convened a panel of vaccine experts to decide what to do. But instead of making a formal determination against the one-vaccine trial, as the law clearly allowed, the panel instead recommended a trial comparing several different vaccines (including VaxSyn). Many of the experts believed that some of the other available treatment vaccines are more promising— that VaxSyn should be included, but not as the only agent being tested. The Army, whose experience in AIDS vaccines is largely limited to VaxSyn, agreed to turn the money over to NIH to conduct the comparative trial. (Other possible candidates include vaccines from Genentech; from Biocine, a partnership of Chiron and Ciba-Geigy; from Immuno AG of Vienna, Austria; and from Immune Response Corporation.)

But then MicroGeneSys refused to donate its vaccine, and asked NIH to pay $10 million for it—half of the total appropriation. Other companies agreed to donate their vaccines. NIH is unwilling to pay for the drugs which it is testing, at public expense, to the great benefit of the companies developing them—and it was unwilling to allow this case to set a precedent which could hurt all government clinical trials in the future. (If pharmaceutical companies start charging the government for drugs its scientists want to use in trials, less could be done with the increasingly scarce Federal resources).

Because the legislation specified gp160, it was not possible to drop MicroGeneSys and proceed without any gp160 vaccine; no other gp160 vaccine was ready for such a trial, although one might be ready early next year. Because of this impasse, the money was never transferred from DoD to NIH, as both parties had agreed in principle to do. The Army proceeded with its original plan for testing the MicroGeneSys product alone. The Army also insisted that the company donate the vaccine, and MicroGeneSys then agreed to do so.

Meanwhile, the VaxSyn data used in lobbying for the Congressional appropriation, presented by Robert Redfield, M.D., of the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, at the Amsterdam AIDS conference in 1992, has been seriously questioned. The presentation showed stabilized or reduced viral levels in patients, with statistical significance compared to natural-history controls. But not all patients had been included, for reasons that are in dispute. A later analysis, with all patients, failed to find a statistically significant difference. A spokesperson for Redfield was quoted, in an article in the Sept. 1993 *Lear's*, as saying, "If the conclusion that people believe they heard in Amsterdam was that this gp160 was efficacious, or that we stabilize disease, or that we're curing patients, all of those things are incorrect." The chief statistician working on the project, Bill McCarthy, threatened to remove his name from one of the papers; recently he resigned from the Henry M. Jackson Foundation, a nonprofit organization which does medical research for the Army.

Fortunately, the Army has already obligated the $20 million to the Jackson Foundation, so the money will not be lost to AIDS research at the end of the current fiscal year (end of September) if the plan for the VaxSyn-only trial is changed.

It is not hard to see why MicroGeneSys has an incentive for testing only its vaccine. The first AIDS therapeutic vaccine to get FDA approval could be worth a billion dollars or more. If only one vaccine starts phase III testing, no other will have enough data to be a candidate for approval at the time the Army test ends; the FDA will have to approve VaxSyn or nothing. But if the other

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vaccines were tested, one or more of them might prove significantly better, and then VaxSyn might not be approved at all.

The public loss from this result is equally clear. First, thousands of people with HIV will receive a vaccine which many experts believe is less promising than other available candidates, in a trial which a panel of leading vaccine experts concluded should not be run as currently planned. And the way MicroGeneSys could benefit from having its vaccine tested alone would be through the loss or delay of other vaccines which are as good or better, which is likely to adversely affect hundreds of thousands of people.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

This article only sketches some of the elements of the gp160 treatment-vaccine controversy. Much more information has been published in *Science*, *Nature*, *New Scientist*, and major newspapers.

Three AIDS organizations (Treatment Action Group [TAG], ACT UP/New York Treatment & Data Committee, and the AIDS Action Council) are now investigating both administrative and legislative alternatives to letting the VaxSyn-only trial go forward as now planned. But time is very short, and they need to know what people think should be done. They have distributed the following survey, asking people which of the following options are acceptable, and in which order, as well as which are unacceptable:

(1) Allow the Army to proceed with a comparison of gp160 vs. placebo in a phase III trial with clinical endpoints.

(2) Implement the NIH/FDA panel's recommended multi-product, placebo-controlled large trial with clinical endpoints, mandating that sponsors provide vaccine free. (2a) If MicroGeneSys remains unwilling to guarantee free drug for the full duration of the trial, instruct trial organizers to consider Immuno AG's mammalian-cell based gp160, safety data on which will be in by January.

(3) Allow the Army to redirect the $20 million to other AIDS research programs: (3a) Mandate ad hoc external peer review for the disbursement of AIDS awards by the Army with this $20 million, as will be done with the Army's $210 million breast cancer appropriation. (3b) Specify that the money be spent on therapeutic research. (3c) Specify that it be spent on vaccine research. (3d) Specify that it be spent on basic research.

4. Other (please specify).

Fax your answers (or any other comments) to TAG at (212) 260-8561. Or leave them a phone message at (212) 260-0300.

Conocurvone:

New Anti-HIV Chemical From Australian "Smoke Bush"

On Aug. 31, the U.S. National Cancer Institute published a request for proposals (from pharmaceutical companies) to develop a new anti-HIV chemical which is generating more than usual interest among those familiar with it. Because of the urgency, applications must be received within two months.

"Conocurvone" is the name given by scientists at NCI to a chemical found in the "smoke bush," a plant which grows only in Western Australia. The NCI collected the plant in 1981 for its program of screening for anti-cancer agents, but found that the plant was ineffective for cancer. The remainder of the sample stayed on the shelf, and was later screened for anti-HIV activity. The *New Scientist* quoted one of the administrators of the screening program as calling conocurvone "extraordinarily exciting."

The first technical information on conocurvone was published July 1993. In laboratory tests, conocurvone was effective in preventing HIV from killing cells. Synthetic and semi-synthetic versions worked as well as the natural extract. One chemical relative of conocurvone also appeared to work. It took about 2,500 times the effective anti-HIV concentration to be toxic to the cells in which the virus was being grown. The mechanism of action against HIV is currently unknown, although it is known that the drug does not inhibit either reverse transcriptase or protease, but works in some other way.

An August 1993 article in *Bioworld Today* quoted the researcher who collected the plant as estimating that there are 50 million of them in the Gairdner Mountains of Western Australia. While conocurvone can be synthesized without the plant, only small quantities have been made so far; if there are enough plants, extracting the chemical from them would be the fastest way to make supplies available for development. The article quoted Dr. Michael Boyd of the NCI as noting that "news of this discovery is still very fresh," and that Australian scientists are studying the feasibility of harvesting the wild plants.

The U.S. government will grant an exclusive license to a company which shows that it can develop and commercialize the drug. The company will need to negotiate agreements with Australian and Western Australian government agencies concerning collection and use of the plant material, in order to comply "with all applicable federal and Australian policies related to biodiversity."

Cosalane: New Approach to HIV Drug

Cosalane, developed by researchers at Purdue University and the U.S. National Cancer Institute, is not yet ready for human testing, but is interesting because it represents a new class of drugs and new ideas for developing an HIV treatment. The work is supported by the U.S. National Cancer Institute.

Cosalane was developed from a chemical known as ATA (aurintricarboxylic acid), which has long been known to have anti-HIV activity. ATA has not been developed as a drug because it is difficult to work with. It is not a single chemical, but a mixture of many different polymers—and every batch tends to be different. This creates problems for quality control, and makes it almost impossible to get FDA approval for marketing.

The first attempt to overcome this problem was to separate out the smaller molecules (lower molecular weight) in the mixture, to look for a single molecule which could be made uniformly. But, unfortunately, the low molecular weight molecules have the least anti-HIV activity.

Chemists then took one of these low molecular weight components of ATA, and attached it to a

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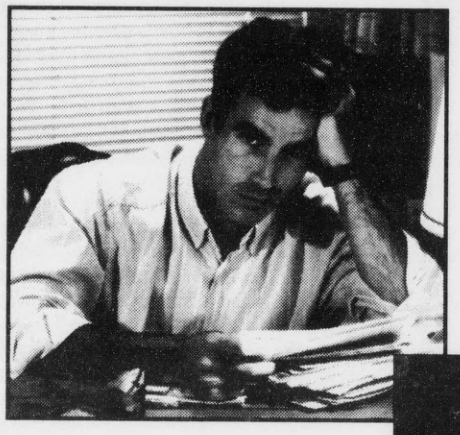

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steroid molecule (in addition to making other chemical changes). The purpose was to target the substance more effectively to the surface of viruses and of cells. The result, cosalane, has a relatively low molecular weight but works as well as any of the ATA fractions.

Cosalane is believed to inhibit binding of HIV to the cell, and also to inhibit viral entry (the fusion of the virus and the cell, after binding). In laboratory tests, it is active in concentrations of about 3 micromolar (not especially good compared to other drugs), and it must be present continuously to protect the cells. But it has been effective against all strains of HIV-1 and HIV-2 tested, including virus which is resistant to AZT or to the non-nucleoside RT-inhibitor drugs. And plasma concentrations higher than the effective anti-HIV concentration have been achieved in animal studies.

The obstacle now to cosalane's development is making enough for further tests. Only small quantities have been synthesized in laboratories—not enough to finish animal tests, let alone run a clinical trial. Efforts are now underway to scale up the fairly complex manufacturing process.

Little has been published about cosalane so far, although several papers have appeared about the work with ATA which led up to it.

California: Breast Cancer Research, Needle Exchange, Insurance Reform: Calls, Letters Needed Before Oct. 10

AB 478, an important bill to support breast cancer medical research and education with a cigarette tax of 2 cents a pack, is now on Gov. Wilson's desk. Unfortunately, Wilson may veto it if he does not hear from the public. Wilson is concerned that any tax increase will offend conservatives—and he is also under pressure from the tobacco companies.

Remember that AIDS, cancer, rheumatoid arthritis, diabetes, and other diseases involving the immune system, are more closely linked than people realize. Any solid progress against one will almost certainly help research on the others. That's why the LIFE Lobby in Sacramento, which addresses AIDS and gay issues, supports AB 478.

This bill brings new money into medical research, from a cigarette tax. It does not shift money around to pit one disease against another.

Arguments that funding should be determined by experts, not legislation, are understandable, but they do not apply here. First, this bill is good on its merits. Second, the public should be involved in mobilizing the political will to get medical research funded—not excluded from the process. The experts cannot create the needed political will alone.

To support AB 478, call or write to: The Honorable Pete Wilson, Governor, State of California, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814, (916) 445-2864, or (415) 703-2218 (San Francisco office), or (916) 445-4633 fax. (Better yet, get your friends to call, call talk shows, or write to newspapers.)

OTHER AIDS LEGISLATION

Other AIDS-related bills supported by the LIFE Lobby at this time are:

AB 260: Allows needle exchange in San Francisco.

AB 1100 and SB 590: Insurance reform to stop "post claims underwriting"—insurance companies canceling policies of people with AIDS or other chronic diseases after they start to file claims.

SB 670: Protect confidentiality of T-helper count test results (sometimes used to discriminate when HIV-test results cannot be used in California).

AB 623: Set up licensure requirements of residential care facilities for the chronically ill.

Oct. 10 is the deadline for Governor Wilson to sign or veto all these bills. He usually leaves the controversial ones until the deadline is near.

NOTE

Grassroots organizing on medical research funding is urgently needed. This should be all over the talk shows, all over the newspapers and newsletters, and all over the phone lines to the governor.

What is needed is (1) organizations to put out timely, credible, user-friendly action alerts, probably by fax broadcast, to (2) local organizers who will call their own phone lists and phone trees, of (3) people ready and willing to respond. More people must get involved in making this happen.

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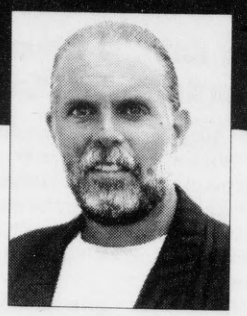

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Violence Begets Violence

Once upon a time the upper crust were having a party in the rotunda at San Francisco City Hall. It was five-ish, and some of the swells were beginning to arrive in black tie, gowns, limousines and luxury cars. Workers were feverishly attending to last-minute details. An enterprising homeless queen was in the middle of Polk Street directing traffic and trying to get tips when people parked at meters, as if he were a parking attendant. Poor-looking cars were waved on.

As my car pulled up, he swished over to see if he could hustle a few dollars. "Oh, yes! You will fit right in!" he announced, eyeing my attire and my car. He had a bent-edged brochure that had nothing to do with what was going on and a pencil. He pretended to record which cars were at which space. I laughed. I remembered seeing this guy doing the same thing at the public library. And I had paid him—more for the show than the service! Both he and I knew this was a street con of people accustomed to tipping.

This is a flaming, but somewhat intimidating Black queen. He used the fear well-heeled whites felt as he approached them, all wide-eyed and deranged. Against the backdrop of hooting and jeering homeless waiting for the soup line to begin, the suddenness and bizarreness of his appearance and behavior made some purses and wallets of the well-heeled fly open just to make him go away. Besides, if they didn't donate, who knows what might happen to their cars?

Miss Thing tapped lightly on my window. "This is how we make our money. Can you spare some change today?" "Not today," I replied. The ruse insulted my intelligence. He sized me up and decided I wasn't going to be easily intimidated, or get off the dime. He sputtered and fumed a little, then went off to his next victim or customer. My inner voice told me to me to sit there and observe what was going on before leaving my car. I'm glad I did.

Another man approached the queen. He seemed to be demanding money amid pejorative proclamations of "punk" and "faggot." The queen turned his back to him. He could not be bothered. Time and opportunity was passing him by. However, Mr. Macho Man knew his presence and his loudness was fucking up the queen's hustle. Suddenly, Mr. Macho Man hit the queen hard "upside your faggot head." There must have been another exchange because later I learned the queen had gotten stabbed in the chest.

The queen retreated. He ran for the only support and protection he had—not the police but his homeless friends in the park. "Give me something! Give me something!" the queen screamed. The guy who had attacked him had taken over the queen's hustle. That may well have been the point of it all. In between waving cars into spaces and collecting money, Mr. Macho Man was spewing his straight hate and homophobia about "queers," "fucking faggots," and "AIDS-carrying motherfuckers," and crowing about how he had "whupped dat faggot's ass."

THE RETURN OF THE QUEEN

Just as Mr. Macho Man thought he had gotten over, and was extracting a contribution from some astonished partygoers, the queen returned. The queen had a big stick—about five feet long. As Mr. Macho's eyes were on the prize, the queen delivered the first blow to the side of Mr. Macho's head. The queen beat him down to the ground and into the gutter. When the queen finished, the stick was in three to four assorted pieces. Mr. Macho was in a world of hurt. He was not talking about the "faggot" who had just whipped his straight ass. And even though none of this was right, street justice had been served.

The queen returned to a hero's welcome in Civic Center Park. Now it was his turn to crow. At that point, the queen realized he had been stabbed. Understandably, the City Hall partygoers were terrified when the queen attacked Mr. Macho with the stick. They ran for the police. Because of their presumed status, the police came. The police knew just where to go to find the queen. At first the police thought Mr. Macho Man was the victim. I felt compelled to report to the police that Mr. Macho Man had struck the first blow. Both combatants were rushed off to the hospital—all over less money than a meal at McDonald's would cost.

But before Mr. Macho left for the hospital, in handcuffs, he was back to spitting out his homophobic venom about punks and faggots, having learned nothing from the experience. Finally, one of the cops got tired of his ranting and said, "With your attitude, I can see how you got your head cracked."

AMERICA BREEDS MACHO JUNKIES

Violence, of course, is not just a gay problem. Violence evidently is increasing in every segment of society. Earlier that day, a client hit a worker at General Assistance. The client is a man. The worker is a woman. On the bus, in the airplane, in the office, on talk shows, at sports events, on the streets. Everywhere we are, we see the rise of sudden, explosive violence. I even saw a knock-down brawl between a man and a woman in the pharmacy of a hospital—and she worked there! Japan and Germany have issued tourist alerts about travel in the United States. Their citizens, our tourists, have been killed here. I suppose this has some significance in a consumer-obsessed society. Most of us think more carefully about where we tread, both night and day.

Perpetrators of violence seem to have an advantage over victims. The violence they do cannot be undone. The victim does the suffering. The criminal often gets away, and when caught and convicted, they often do a light sentence during which they learn how to be better at what they do.

Violence at Collingwood Park in the Castro—a man beaten by gay bashers. Photo by Rink.

Violence has become too appealing in this society. The entertainment industry adores it because it is what a reactionary segment of our society will pay to see. The penalty for violence, jail, has become a badge of honor among the criminal class, not a deterrent. Warehousing criminals has become too expensive. Nihilism, gang warfare and anarchy have become more tolerable to the desensitized public.

The rise in the number of children abandoned by irresponsible parents—parents who have lost control, abusive parents, and parents filled with fear and hate of difference and/or pious religiosity about sexuality and other behavior—are to blame for some of the violence by children against children, gays, people of color, immigrants (legal and otherwise). Violence stems from fear and hate—this belief that I am better than you, that I may amuse myself at your expense; that it is all right to condone "ethnic cleansing" and "genetic cleansing," racist behavior and lawlessness among the Klan, satanism, and other activities because *I am more important than you are.*

ADJUSTMENT AT THE CASH REGISTER

Before everything is shot to shit, we must revisit the concepts of gun control, family values, police protection, parental neglect and responsibility, and freedom of speech. Do we really wish to support the freedom to foment harm against another group? What economic options can we provide to our citizens to decrease the appeal of violence?

Are we really going to allow the ringing of cash registers to determine what level of violence we will permit? Something within most of us rejects macho puffery and the gratuitous violence to which it leads. Both men and women must reconsider what they find attractive in mates. We must learn to avoid those who demonstrate overly aggressive behavior. We must convince Hollywood and Madison Avenue we want our cheesecake and beefcake without the violence fix. Tom Cruise could do more for me between satin sheets than he did in Top Gun. Why can't Arnold and Sylvester do a project about the absence of values and respect for property and the well-being of others? Let's give mercenary violence and role models a rest. ✿

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Correction:

The photo of women that appeared with the article on transsexuals at the Michigan Women's Music Festival in the last issue was a generic photo of women at the festival, taken a few years ago. It was not meant to imply that the women pictured were in any way involved in the controversy.

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straight talk! by nan parks

So I finally have a moment's peace around the house to write "Straight Talk" since the sports nuts, Doug and Carol, took the boys to a baseball game, which the Home Team had better win if Doug and Carol have anything to say about it. I've been trying to turn our conversations to Interesting Subjects that I might discuss in "Straight Talk" but all the two of them can do lately is talk about baseball baseball baseball, and they even watch several games at once and have been using such foul language that I had to send the boys out to play the other day but it was too late since Timmy, who is only seven, spent the whole afternoon singing, "Branley is a FUGGING idiot!" and giggling and wouldn't stop and Doug thought it was funny but it wasn't! (To make matters worse Timmy asked Carol what "fug" was and she said it was a "hug for grownups!" And I told her that if or when she has children of her own she can help their vocabulary along at whatever age she chooses but she has NO idea how difficult it is to teach kids the right way to behave and further, as soon as they think they've got a "bad word" they use it over and over again and you can't make them stop! And Carol said "fug" was sort of a cute made-up word and I shouldn't be worried about it, but really—once Timmy starts using "fug" the other "F" word will NOT be far behind and Timmy's teachers will NOT find it funny and guess who'll get the phone calls? Not Carol or Doug, that's for sure.)

So, speaking of sports, I can't help but notice—and I'm not trying to stereotype—that some of you lesbians are awfully good at all kinds of sports and I was thinking about this biology versus environment debate and thought—since being good at sports is sort of genetic, and since lots of lesbians are good at sports—could this be a clue to whether

being gay or lesbian is genetic?

Now I hear some of you readers saying, "Whoa there, Nan! I'm a lesbian and I'm not athletic at all!" or whatever—but I'll tell you, I see Carol and her friends in front of the television watching ladies' golf for example, and they're all saying, "Dyke! Dyke!" no matter WHO it is, and when the tennis was on a couple of weeks ago, Carol and her friend Deb told Doug that they were sure that pretty Spanish gal Gabby whatever was a lesbian—for NO reason at all! They could "just tell"! Not to mention Martina of course (for whom I think Carol would trade five years of her life to go out with once). So admitting that not all lesbians are athletic, let's say we took 50 women athletes and 50 other women (secretaries, doctors, homemakers, whatever): I think you'd find more lesbians in the sports group than the other group. Or, we could do it the other way... let's say we took 50 lesbians and 50 straight women—now, honestly, folks, which group would win the softball game? I'm not sure what all this means, but it seems significant, doesn't it? I mean even Carol's ex-lover Gail who always looked so feminine in her chic suits and scarves, owned TWO baseball mitts and a lot of other sports gear, which Carol and I found in the hall closet after she left Carol's apartment (and she even had what looked sort of like a horse bridle and a crop I guess it's called—well that closet was just a MESS I'll tell you!).

Now, I know this isn't an ABSOLUTE thing—and in fact, my friend Lois, who is straight of course, is our club champion in both tennis AND golf, and is a fine athlete all around so clearly sports ability isn't always a key to sexual preference. Anyway, this got me wondering whether or not you gay fellows out there like sports or not, so I called my friend Peter, actually Carol's friend, but he's my friend too now and he's agreed to be my gay male sounding board for "Straight Talk," and Peter said gay men do NOT care for sports, but Black men love sports (Peter is Black), so he personally plays the middle by going to the weight room, but ALWAYS wearing coordinated gym clothes and trying to look his best, and then he said for God's sake don't print stuff like that he was just kidding (but I knew he was kidding and I'm printing it anyway!).

So, then Peter and I were talking some more about all this—sports and gay women and so forth—and Peter said, "You know, Nan, some dykes have a lot more in common with straight men than they'd care to admit," and then he said that Carol FREQUENTLY commented on women she found attractive in bars or on the street—which surprised me I must say—and he said that recently Carol had assembled half the office at one of the windows to "pass judgment" (in Peter's words) on some totally oblivious woman who was just out there parking her car—an anecdote which in my mind places Carol, with all her high-mindedness about women—somewhere on the level of a construction worker! Now I know Carol will probably have something to say in her defense—but I have no reason to doubt Peter's word on this, so I'm curious to see how she'll wriggle off the hook!

So, then Peter was very nice about something I said in my last column and explained that you can be HIV-positive and PERFECTLY healthy at the same time, which I have to admit I didn't realize, but I was certainly glad to know, and I was of course very relieved for his sake as Peter is simply the nicest and most charming man I've met in ages! And Carol and Doug and the boys came back just after I'd hung up from talking to Peter so I asked Carol about the "incident," and she said Peter's story was an exaggeration and that "noticing interesting women" around town is a far cry from reducing them to sexual objects (which I thought was sort of not a convincing explanation), but they were all so depressed about the baseball game that I didn't pursue the subject. ✿

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trying to do something positive.

There are kids out there who would love to put on their camouflage and hold a knife in their mouth and go out and slit someone's throat. You see them on their way to school with books in one hand and an ice cream in the other, and would never know it.

Although the vast majority of offenders do not go to jail, more teens are in jail than ever before: 85,000 are in long-term juvenile correction facilities and an estimated 2 million are in adult jails and prisons.

Of the thousands of teens locked up in long-term state facilities:

- The average age is 16.
- 93 percent are boys.
- 53 percent are white and 47 percent are minorities.
- Half have had family members who have been locked up.
- Almost half had been taking drugs or drinking when they committed the crime for which they were arrested; almost 20 percent admit to taking drugs for the first time before age ten; two out of five used drugs regularly.
- About 40 percent were locked up for violent crimes such as murder and rape; 40 percent of this group had used a deadly weapon.

As you can see, living in a home with a family is really the issue for these juveniles, and it is there where the parental law would take effect.

Today's children, unlike those of earlier generations, are fed a steady diet of glorified violence. By age 16, the typical child has witnessed an estimated 200,000 acts of violence, including 33,000 murders. Inevitably, contend many experts, some youngsters will imitate the brutality in real life.

A few months ago the four national TV networks agreed to rate their shows as violent or not. This is only the beginning of the fight against youth crime. They weren't blaming anyone, they just took the initiative to fight crime.

"The juvenile justice system is a special failure. Designed to provide a second chance for 'juvenile delinquents' who stole hubcaps or picked pockets a generation ago, it gives third or fourth chances to a whole brand of young thugs for whom the term 'delinquent' is a pitifully inadequate euphemism." —Mortimer B. Zuckerman

So, whom would you like to blame?

Caesar Cabrales
17 years old
San Francisco

Militarizing Balboa

On Sept. 14, the San Francisco School Board voted 4-3 to apply for U.S. Department of Defense money to operate Balboa High School. This in effect will turn Balboa into a military academy. This is a shameful act: to use money from a source that discriminates against minorities, gays and lesbians to "educate" our children, so that they will join a group, the military, whose veterans have a higher unemployment rate than the regular population and whose veterans constitute 33-40 percent of the homeless in San Francisco. This is indeed "robbing Peter to pay Paul." Unfortunately Peter is Paul in this case, and they are our children.

John Wike
Veteran, U.S. Army
San Francisco

Nan-O-Mania

Hi, Nan! I just wanted to let you know that I was reading your column—actually I was reading the whole paper, gosh I love the *SF Bay Times*, but then again, I just LOOOVE the queer community, with all us lesbians, gays and bisexuals, not to mention the transgenders, transsexuals, transvestites and drag queens (oh dear, I hope I didn't confuse them with each other) and not that I meant to have a "totally" complete list, so people shouldn't get on my case about it, because deep deep deep down WE'RE ALL DIFFERENT! and that's really really beautiful, and not that *I* need to tell *you* about the queer community (as if you're fresh off the boat [although most boats I've been on are kinda cramped or smelly, etc., and I don't know ANYONE who comes off a boat feeling fresh—except for Ramona (God she's soooo perfect, but don't tell her I said that!)])—and in your column you said something really fabulous, but I can't remember what it was but I know it had something to do with Carol, or was it Peter (?), who said something that was JUST SO TRUE that it made me cry and then immediately get Real Hungry because I get Real Hungry when I remember stuff from my Past, and what she or he said reminded me of the Time when I was ten and I really wanted tap dancing lessons but Mom told me that if I had them I'd be teased by everyone, you know, for being gay and stuff, but Mom didn't say "for being gay," Mom just said for "liking dance," but even at the young age of ten I knew EXACTLY what Mom meant, and Mom knew that I knew, and I knew that Mom knew that I knew... and, well, you get the point, because you're Nan!

Jason R. Lorber
Menlo Park

Send This Gal to P-FLAG

I am visiting San Francisco and just read "Straight Talk" (i.e., Chapter One of *Nan's Journey*, a thrilling 20-chapter account of one straight woman's educational process to some day learn the queer world is as diverse as the rest of humanity—only campier and more fun).

In Chapter One we learn: (1) Nan hears a homophobic joke and recognizes it as such and might challenge it next time; (2) Nan calls herself "normal," then divides the queer world into the radicals and the almost normal professionals; (3) Nan defends

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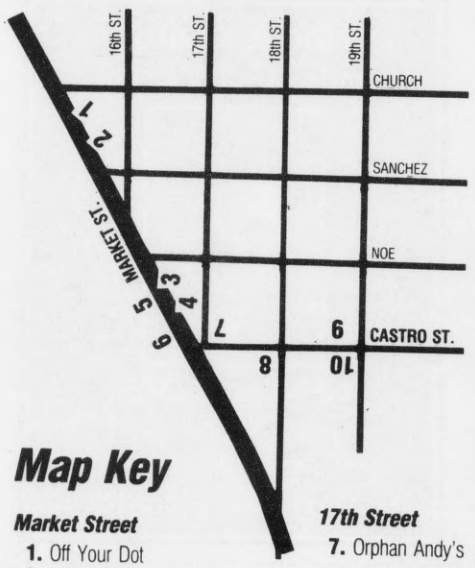

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her current (low) level of acceptance, noting it includes pregnant lesbians and supersedes that of her homophobic parents.

Are you actually wasting a regular column on this? Send this gal to P-FLAG where they recognize and will foster Nan from her current mentality onward. Stop irritating us queers who know this sorry story but find it a tedious waste of scarce hard-gained queer text space.

Have Nan come back when/if she reaches Chapter 20, joins ACT UP (and learns how to articulate her thoughts), but spare us the earliest dopey Goldie Hawn clearly-she-isn't-even-aware-yet-of-how-homophobic-she-is chapters.

If you are that short of queer writers here in the Bay Area, I'll send you my advice column "Ask Aunt Sophie," published monthly in *LIC (Lesbians in Colorado)*. It isn't brilliant but at least it's better edited and anything beats Nan, the fluffy non-writer in homophobia 101 class. Does some editor have a crush on "Nan" or were you simply short on controversy and letters to the editor this summer, hmmm?

Irascibly yours,
Aunt Sophie (Robin Cohen)
Denver, Colorado

Fresh Air

I am most happy to read the column by Nan Parks. I find her very entertaining and very sympathetic. She gives the paper a certain lightness which it has long needed.

Certainly, she is not P.C., and her tone is more folksy with a down-home approach. But I think that is precisely the beauty of what she has to say. The gay community here (as opposed to L.A.) is very condescending and opposed to creative people such as Nan.

She is a breath of fresh air. Please keep her.

I would also like to suggest that she have her own talk show on Viacom. She would be great!

Joseph King
San Francisco

The Experiment Failed

C'mon, just deal with it. Nan Parks was a mistake. If you insist on keeping her, at least give us an explanation.

I'm all for cross-over experiments, but this one has failed. Ms. Parks is not just ignorant and without a clue, she is consistently offensive.

Please offer the space to another well-meaning heterosexual.

Jim Shattuck
San Francisco

(Top) The Brothers Network held a BBQ at the Pendulum on Sept. 19. (Right) LYRIC queer youth Pancake Breakfast with waitress Eric Ciusullo pouring OJ for Joe Van-es and Laurie Irving.

Photos by Rink.

Drag Nan?

Nan Parks is a drag queen.

One word for readers who have swallowed the bait: *Suckers!*

P.S., I have a $100 bet riding on this with my gullible roommate. I know I'll win.

Rachel E. Davis
San Francisco

Your First Obligation

Considering that 90 percent of the population is straight, I need a straight perspective in the *SF Bay Times* as much as I need a Christian perspective or a white perspective.

As entertaining as Nan Parks is, her column seems to me to be a very frivolous use of a lot of space, given that you are not exactly overwhelmed with either lesbian or non-white columnists. Until straight newspapers start running regular features by lesbians and gay men, I think your first obligation is to let our voices be heard. Maybe Nan's column could appear occasionally, but every issue is too much—she's not that important.

And please tell Nan to lose the phrase "you people." It makes me feel like I'm coming of age in Samoa.

Lisa Ochs
San Francisco

Why Not Basins?

Dear Nan Parks:

I just *love* your new series in the *SF Beauty Times*. Ever notice how efforts like yours are always called columns—so male dominant—instead of, for example, basins? Anyway, your epistles are totally superficial and *fun*. Keep it up. I mean, don't stop.

Frederic Millen
San Francisco

A Lot to Learn

I've stayed away from the recent Nan Parks fray, mostly by finding my thoughts well-represented in various letters to the editor. But Parks' Sept. 9 column was the last straw.

I am an HIV-negative man who is incensed by her characterization of people with HIV (i.e., "Peter") as individuals who cannot speak of hopes and dreams or who would be offended by others' discussion of them. To think that it is "offensive" or "tactless" to talk about "life, dreams, hopes, etc." in the company of people with HIV (especially a so-called "friend") belies the same naivete and veiled prejudice shown generally toward gays and lesbians in her column.

HIV-infected individuals can and do lead "normal" fulfilling lives; and dreams and hopes—as for all of us—play a role in staying alive and healthy. Unexamined, solipsistic dribbling like hers not only is irresponsible, but perpetuates divisiveness and

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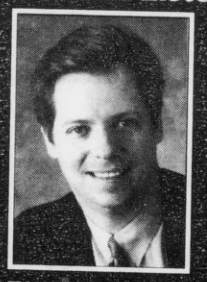

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Chris Sandoval of Asamblea Gay Unida Impactando Latinos A Superarse congratulates Miguel Ramierz upon his promotion to associate director of client services at the SF AIDS Foundation.

Photo by Rink.

discrimination—and can be deadly.

Nan Parks has a lot to learn about being HIV-positive *and* about being lesbian or gay. But her life lessons absolutely don't belong in our paper and I, frankly, don't want to be one of her teachers.

Andy Abrahams Wilson
San Francisco

Refreshing

Any writer—even of the *straight* orientation and the *second* sex—whose "don't take yourselves so seriously, girls (and boys)" columns can, in but one issue (Sept. 9) generate no less than 14 letters (five pro, nine con) must be pushing the right nipples or foreskins.

Whatever else you do, please keep Nan Parks and her "Straight Talk!" In fact, her refreshing style and insightful humor—were you to "lend her out"—would bring a breath of needed fresh air to that demented dung heap of putrefication, *The Bay Area Reporter*.

On second thought, keep Nan at the *SF Bay Times*.

There is some talent—albeit female—too good to share. Thank you.

Thomas M. Edwards
San Francisco

Should I Be Impressed?

Please, please get rid of "Straight Talk!" by Nan Parks. This is the third article of hers I've tried to read. Her writing makes me want to throw up. For example, in Nan's most recent *SF Bay Times* (Sept. 9) contribution (I hope you don't pay her), she writes, "... having dinner with Carol and her friend Peter (*who's gay*)..." Why do so many straight people feel the need to label gay friends, even when the label has no bearing on the topic at hand? Why couldn't it just be Carol's friend Peter? Should I be impressed that Nan had dinner with someone who is gay?

But anyway, I'm playing Nan's little game... a few things that would make *me* happy are if (1) *SF Bay Times* scraps Nan's column; (2) sends its readers an apology; and (3) devotes the space to something newsworthy or at the very least interesting.

You are not a columnist Nan, so please stop trying.

Charlotte Moore
Pacifica

Friendly Advice

Here's some friendly advice for my fellow Nan Parks non-fans. When you open your *SF Bay Times* and are confronted with "Straight Talk!" you're not actually required to read it; it's perfectly OK to simply turn the page. Please note that demanding Parks be fired because you don't happen to like her column makes you sound a bit too much like members of the American Family Association.

Steve Omlid
San Francisco

Go Girl!

The deluge of letters concerning Nan Parks is great fun. This is the first section of the *SF Bay Times* I have been turning to in recent issues. What a hoot! Keep the letters coming. And, Nan, "Go girl!"

Rick Garlinghouse
San Francisco

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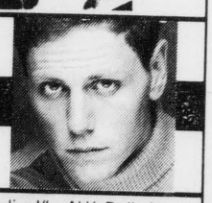

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Welcome to a hot and heavy Leather Pride Week. For those of us who are observing this week, it can be a catalytic start to a very intense four months. For the rest of you, the depth of change may be a little less lurid, but it will be no less intense. Saturn rules Leather, Pluto rules Sex. They're in aspect from Sept. 13 to Jan. 26, and yes, they rule other things as well. Through this period we can expect our limits to be severely tested. Sexual definitions, boundaries, expectations will be pushed to profound examination and radical changes, whether through kink or vanilla. Expect a lot of death, both literal physical death and the symbolic, radical personal change. Extreme political factions, left and right will strike out against existing authorities.

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ARIES: Somebody thinks you can do no wrong, but don't you start believing it. It's nice to enjoy the encouragement of others, but if you start taking it too seriously you're bound to clash with authority. You've been having enough of that kind of trouble lately (and there's more to come!) so this can be a good time to look at how you deal with your (pardon the expression) superiors. How do you relate to people in power? How can you be more effective in advancing yourself and your causes? Your partner can give you a lot of good insight if you can quietly, graciously accept the constructive criticism.

TAURUS: Your health has been generally pretty good these days and is likely to continue well for the most part. Generally. Through these next few weeks, however you may have a bit of liver trouble or an odd allergic development. Also be especially good to your kidneys and pancreas. It doesn't look serious, but could be mildly problematic. Weird bits of confusion are likely to come up at work. These can easily prove to be blessings in disguise, but don't get cocky. Over-confidence will just make things worse. Humble, quiet faith in a higher power works especially well for you right now.

GEMINI: Creative games, including sexuality, can be very helpful right now in resolving problems or confusion vis-a-vis grieving, death, or other profound life-and-death issues all the way down to simple (or not so simple) metaphysical questions. Once you start playing you will find your enthusiasm growing and opening venues you would normally never have considered. You can easily get in much deeper than you'd intended, even feeling as if you'd bitten off more than you can chew. Not to worry. This is a time for startling jolts and revelations. You may get a good scare or three, but all should work out well.

CANCER: These days the stars bode generally well for domestic bliss, but right now you're in for some weirdness. Through the next few weeks you may find what appears to be your dream house. If you sign any contracts now it will become a nightmare. This is a good time to examine that dream more closely, consider it for the near future, and reconsider it then, say after Sept. 27. Domestic issues are easily confused now with your roommate, but that doesn't look like a real problem. You may feel like you've wandered into a series of out takes from the Burns and Allen Show. With a good sense of humor or a philosophical mind set you may actually be grateful for your misadventures. At least you'll be able to look back and laugh. Say "Goodnight," Gracie!

LEO: Your recent loquacity is generally bringing you good fortune, but for now it's likely to make a small bit of trouble. Actually, what's happening is that your right-brain is increasing in activity, making you more psychic, poetic, mystical, allegorical, and magical. This is a wonderful time for any spiritual or artistic pursuit, and especially for learning techniques of meditation, ritual, or art. On the other hand your logic and math are currently impaired. In any debate you're likely to go off on tangents. Avoid arguments. They'll just make you look and feel like you're way out in the twilight zone. Instead, smile sweetly and say, "Well, that's an interesting way to look at it."

VIRGO: You're enjoying a wonderful stretch of good financial luck, but that can now lead you into dangerous investments. Your hunches and instincts might, just might, lead you into something good, but don't count on it. This is a foolish time for any kind of gambling or investments, but you may be one of the lucky few with good supporting aspects. If you toss a few very surplus dollars into a lottery or a fun weekend at Tahoe, you will either lose everything you take or be one of the remarkably lucky few. These next couple of weeks are better for exploring artistic, aesthetic and spiritual values, learning to appreciate more deeply the mystical joys that your sign reputedly shuns. (But we know better!)

LIBRA: You've been enjoying a spell of wonderful good luck which will now tend to center around your home life and family. Trouble is that the blessings are likely to come in a very roundabout way. As an illustrative example—you may come to realize that one of your parents is an alcoholic, or that you were sexually abused as an infant. This in turn would open up a whole new perspective and the information would prove very liberating. Ghastly secrets are also likely to come up in any pending real estate deals. This is a great time to discover problems, but don't sign anything until after September 27th. *Happy Birthday: Vern Tice, Marwick Cane, Maggi Rubenstein, Lani Kaahumanu, and Steve Fitzgerald!*

SCORPIO: The little voices are getting very talkative these days. You probably don't want to do what they tell you, but they can prove very informative. This is an excellent time for meditation and other quiet times alone that allow you to focus in on the inner self and get in touch with long neglected aspects of yourself, old memories and ancient problems looking for resolution. Long walks, dream journals, and extemporaneous writing are extremely helpful right now. Be careful around others, though! You're all too likely to speak out and say things that you would really rather leave unsaid.

SAGITTARIUS: Your friends are flocking around you and this can be a wonderful time to marshall political support for any venture you have in mind. But all this bonhomie can cost you plenty! Folks doing you favors and singing your praises will probably want something in return. Although you are naturally generous this can be a good time to hold back on your innate openhandedness and see who your friends really are. Of course if you are pushing something political you may need to put out a few quid for the pro quo. Watch out for hidden expenses! Secrets and surprises are in your house of finances, ready to pop up with rude revelations. Disturbing perhaps, but new awareness will help you improve the situation.

CAPRICORN: These days you're getting noticed for every little thing. For the most part this wave of attention is serving you well, but right now you're going to get credit (or blame) for something you either have nothing to do with, or for something you'd rather not have noticed. The aspects are weird, but for the most part very good. With a sense of humor and a bit of improvisation you should get through this scandal very nicely. It can very likely enhance your reputation in the end, but will probably cause some embarrassment in the meantime. As long as you can laugh, you're in good shape.

AQUARIUS: This is a wonderful time to take a voyage through the deeper recesses of your soul. Two very different things await in the murk of your inner self: (1) Old emotional baggage you can jettison very nicely these days; and (2) profound spiritual revelations. Work on either and the one will help the other. This is a good time to visit a church or synagogue, preferably in the religion of your childhood. You and it have changed a great deal since you've been away. I don't necessarily recommend regular attendance; just visit and see what comes up for you. It will be an education more about yourself than about the religion.

PISCES: The planets are planning a party in your pants. The aspects could hardly be better for erotic adventure. If you and your lover are being monogamous, fret not. A little bit of reading, or tips from some of your more erotoloquacious friends will open up whole new resources. Of course one doesn't preclude the other, but you may prefer to focus this energy into metaphysical research. This is an excellent time for working with friends through issues of grief or working towards transcendent enlightenment. Back to plan A, sex may help the process. You know better than anyone that the spirit-body dichotomy is a sham. Put a little tantra in your mantra and feel those chakras open up!

THE SAN FRANCISCO
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Coming Up

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SEP 23 / T H U

Men's Friendship Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 2:45 pm at 711 Eddy St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

Cultural Program spons by the Ad-Hoc Committee to Celebrate the Grito de Lares: Features guest speaker Candida Cotto from Puerto Rico. Ms Cotto is a professor of communications, journalist & member of Ofensiva '92, a human rights organization that works for the release of Puerto Rican prisoners of war and political prisoners. Also music & poetry by *Los Pleneros de la 24*, Maria Cora, Ronald Rosario y el *Grupo Cotidiano*, Sheila Medina and *Flor de Piedra*. 7 pm, $3-5 donation. Mission Cultural Center, 2868 Mission St, SF. Info: 824-7950.

At Cody's Books: Authors Paul M. Sniderman & Thomas Piazza discuss their new book, *The Scar of Race*, an articulation of how racial issues have become entangled with politics and can now be divided into several distinct political agendas, each with its own relationship to prejudice, ideology and values of fairness & initiative. 7 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

"Everything You Wanted to Know About Group Marriages: Diversity in Multi-Adult Relationships," a talk with Dr Deborah Anapol at BABN's (Bay Area Bisexual Network) community forum covering polyfidelity, open group marriages, triads & other group arrangements from a bisexual perspective. 7:30-9:30 pm, $3-5. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St btwn Valencia & Guerrero, SF. WA. Info: BABN voicemail, 564-BABN.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma St, Palo Alto. Topic: Romance—How to ignite the spark & keep the fire burning. All women are welcome! Info: Lynn (408) 737-9229 or Marilyn (415) 583-1649.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Hilton Oberzinger reads from *Cannibal Eliot & the Lost Histories of San Francisco*, his collection of fictional first-person accounts depicting life in SF from the early European settlement in 1776 to the earthquake of 1906. 7:30 pm. 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

Paulo Coelho, best-selling Brazilian author, reads from his novel *The Alchemist*, the story of a young boy who follows his dreams & discovers the treasure of life. This book has been on Brazil's bestseller list for four years! 7:30 pm. 1491 Shattuck Ave at Vine, Berkeley. Info: (510) 486-0698.

At A Clean, Well-Lighted Place for Books: Mystery writer John Straley reads from his new novel, *The Curious Eat Themselves*. 7:30 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

Betty Freidan, author of *The Feminine Mystique*, opens Osher Marin Jewish Community Center's "Conversations" series with an evening lecture on her latest groundbreaking work, *The Fountain of Age*. 8 pm, $12 gen'l, $9 stdnts & srs. 200 North San Pedro Road, San Rafael. Info/res: 479-2000.

"Strange Fruits," Asian AIDS Project's Love Like This Theatre presents a new bold comedy exploring the darker side of life, death & sexuality from the gay Asian/Pacific Islander's perspective. Play explores the impact of HIV in the Asian/Pacific Islander communities thru a series of vignettes. Plays Wed-Sun thru 9/26. 8 pm. Tix $10 Wed, Thurs & Sun, $12 Fri & Sat. Info/res: 861-7933. 3583 16th St at Market, SF.

Erotic Dance at the Victoria Theatre with the Frisco Dancers. New group of nine professional women erotic dancers present a series of erotic dance concerts featuring diverse styles of erotic dance ranging from classic burlesque to the latest hip hop moves, with music ranging from Miles Davis to the Beatles and Paul Simon, from the Grateful Dead to Prince, Ted Nugent & Motorhead. Thur-Sun at 8:30 pm thru 9/26. Tix $12.50. Info/res: (510) 762-BASS. Tix available at door one hour before concert. No full nudity, however concert is for adults only. 2961 16th St (btwn Mission & South Van Ness), SF.

Club Ebony, a Nubia Production for Women, with DJ Evol-E at El Rio, 3158 Mission St, SF. 9 pm, $3. Info: 282-3325.

SEP 24 / F R I

Russian River Women's Wkend II: Today thru 9/26 in Guerneville. Concerts, dancing, swimming, arts & crafts/health & wellness fair (on 9/25) with performers including Rusty Woods, Jo-Jo Walker, Christie G, Patty Lockard, Dana Jae, Laney Goodman and *Rhythm Method* (5-woman percussion ensemble). Other planned events: Sun 9/26 Korbel Wine Tour, wet T-shirt contest. Spons by Russian River Gay & Lesbian Business Assoc. Info: Russian River Chamber of Commerce (707) 869-9000 or the Russian River Region 1-(800) 253-8800.

Lesbian Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse support group, see 9/10.

Women's Country Western Class & Dance in the Eastbay, tonight & 10/1 at 7 & 9 pm. Info/location: Gerri (510) 428-2144.

Lesbian Erotica in Kensington! Robbie Sommers reads from her new book, *Behind Closed Doors* (and puts on a show while she's at it!)—don't miss! 7:30 pm at Boadecia's Books, 398 Colusa on the Circle, Kensington/North Berkeley. Info: (510) 559-9184.

At SF Playwrights' Ctr: "Dinner," written by Joe Loscalzo, directed by Ann Feehan. 7:30 pm, $5. Blue Bear Theatre, Ft Mason Center, Bldg D, 2nd floor, SF. Info: 626-4603.

An Eve with Claire Chafee, author of Magic Theatre's runaway summer hit, "Why We Have A Body." Chafee discusses her work as a playwright and a lesbian artist, her sudden fame and the phenomenal success of "Body". She also directs a short reading of her work, including never-before-seen outtakes from "Body" and scenes from her upcoming play, "Even Among These Rocks." 8 pm, $10 suggested donation. Proceeds benefit Z Space Studio. New College of Calif, 777 Valencia St, SF. Info/res: 543-9505.

"Strange Fruits," at Josie's Cabaret, see 9/23.

Jamie Anderson in concert at Mama Bears: Night of songs about the "life and romance of the average goddess-babe-lesbian." 8 pm, $8-10. Women only. Reservations suggested, call (510) 428-9684 for info/res. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl.

Together Forever with Kris Kovick & Jimmy Jahoda at Red Dora's Bearded Lady; along with Masha Gessen, just back from Yugoslavia; Elissa Perry, reporting back from the lingerie department; Ted & Tommi singing their new hit single, "We Love Our Gay Fetus," plus a brief appearance by Bunny Superstar (aka Jessica Patton) and Susan Gerhard's *Prick*, a 6-min video about depilitation. 8 pm, $5. Seating limited, arrive early. 485 14th St nr Guerrero, SF. Tonight & tmw.

An Eve of Women's Comedy with Suzy Berger and Karla Carmony, Annie Larson, Stephanie Mazow, Kathy Russell, Jeanette Sarmiento & Vannessa von detta. Spons by KPFA Women's Department. 8 pm, free! 1929 Martin Luther King Jr Way, Berkeley.

At Mama Bears: Jamie Anderson in concert. 8 pm, $8-10. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.

Erotic Dance concert at Victoria Theatre, see 9/23.

"Up Close & Personal," 1993 Edge Festival features work on the cutting edge of dance & performance art. Fri & Sat at 8:30 pm, thru 10/9. 9/24-25 program features work by OnSite Dance Company, Knee Jerk Dance Project, Meaghan Gannett, Hermesdorf & Wells Dance Company and Mercy Sidbury. 10/1-2 program features work by Mary Forcade & Djola Bernard Branner. 10/8-9 program features work by Jon Weaver & Polly Motley. Tix $10 in adv, $12 at door. Footwork Studio, 3221 22nd St at Mission, SF. Info/res: 824-5044.

Club nZinga, international dance party at El Rio with DJ Mongrel, 9 pm-2 am, $3. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Midgett in Sex Sells, her hot, erotic & hilarious show. She also reads from her book, *Brown on Brown: Black Lesbian Erotica*. 9 pm at the Deli Pub, 301 Cortland St, SF. Everyone welcome! Info: 285-1631.

Two fast & hilarious dyke, comics Sabrina Matthews & Amy Boyd, team up for one night only at Josie's Cabaret. 10 pm, $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

SEP 25 / S A T

Heather Farms/Walnut Creek Run with Eastbay Frontrunners: Take Route 24 east to Hwy 680, go north on 680 and take first exit immediately on right (Ygnacio Valley Rd); turn right onto Ygnacio and follow for approx 2 miles. At bottom of hill just past John Muir hospital turn left onto San Carlos Dr. Take first left & meet in parking lot in front of swim center. 9 am. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 482-4391.

Mt Tamalpais Hike with SF Hiking Club: Pan Toll Station down to Stinson Beach via Matt Davis Trail and return to Pan Toll Station via Dipsea & Steep Ravine Trails. Meet 9 am under the big Safeway sign at Market & Church streets, SF. Moderately strenuous; 1500 ft elevation gain. Cost per car $14 (includes $3 bridge toll, $5 parking fee & $6 mileage), to be divided among passengers. Bring water, lunch, sunscreen and dress in layers. Info: 285-3760 evenings.

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans spons 3 events today: strenuous bike ride to Marin Headlands, Glen Canyon-Mt Davison easy hike, and a trip to Sam McDonald Park. For details call 281-5666.

Gay & Free: Vipassana (Insight) Meditation Retreat for Lesbians & Gay Men: 9 am-5 pm today, 10 am-7 pm tmw at Spirit Rock Meditation Center, Woodacre (Marin). A retreat about wisdom & love, about cultivating a clearer mind & more open heart and putting these things to work on all levels, so we can live happier, more empowered lives in a homophobic society. Two-day, non-residential retreat features silent sitting, walking & eating meditation, group discussions & interviews. Both beginners & experienced meditators are welcome. Some scholarships available. Led by Eric Kolvig, PhD and Arinna Weisman, MSOD. To register send $20 (the retreat cost does not include payment to the teachers, who in this tradition are supported by donations) check payable to SRMC to Spirit Rock, Box 909, Woodacre, CA 94973. Mark contact code on check & envelope—AW2 for 9/25 and AW3 for 9/26. You can come on one or both days. Wheechair Access (call ahead for info), please do not wear scented products. Info: 488-0164.

La Casa de las Madres seeks volunteers for the shelter or the 24-hr crisis line. Positions available in crisis line counseling, children's program, speaker's bureau & more. Info: Cynthia 777-1808. Formerly battered women, lesbians, women of color and bilingual women are especially encouraged to volunteer.

2nd Annual Sizzling Sidewalk Sale: Spons by Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)-SF: 9 am-4 pm atop the SF Firemen Credit Union building on Market St at Castro. Wide variety & large selection of "experienced" merchandise for sale (furniture, appliances, clothes, books & other treasures). To donate merchandise or for pick-up call Terrence Marguet 647-5230. Proceeds benefit MCC-SF community outreach. MCC-SF: 863-4434.

Russian River Women's Wkend II: See 9/24.

At A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store: "The Dream & the Inner Child" workshop with Ken Kelzer, LCSW. Learn specific steps to identify & use dreams which serve as spontaneous age regressions (take us back in time to invite & allow healing & recovery of the wounded child) and use them for healing & transformation. 10 am-1 pm, $20. Pre-reg required. Call 924-8970 for info/reg. 545 Magnolia, Larkspur.

The Freewheeler Car Club Annual benefit Vintage Car Show: 11 am-4 pm at Eureka Valley Recreation Center, 19th & Collingwood, SF. Show features "orphan cars" which are no longer being manufactured, such as Packards, Studebakers, DeSotos, etc along with vintage Cadillacs, Buicks, Chryslers, Lincolns and other restored and original collector cars. Proceeds benefit the Gay & Lesbian Center at the new SF Main Public Library. $5 admission.

"Queer in Your Ear" on KPFA 94.1 FM: Program features discussion with Lesbian Visual Artists (LVA) on their organization and on lesbian artistic sensibilities. Artists include Wendy Cadden, Adreinne Fuzee, Barbara Hammer & Osa Hildalgo De La Riva. 12:30 pm.

Flogging Demonstration for Leather Wkend at the Construction Zone with master whip-maker Metz, of Draconian Leather, Bakersfield. Half-hour demo of flogging techniques, explanation of the advantage of various kind of floggers. 3 pm, free. 2352 Market St, SF.

At A Different Light Bookstore: F Valentine Hoeven III, author of the biography *Tom of Finland: His Life & Times*, signs copies of this remarkable look at the life of a remarkable man. 3:30 pm, 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

Fundraiser/Memorial Party for Preston Nicholson, spons by We Care Bay Area, a nonprofit that provides financial, physical & emotional support to those faced with AIDS and other serious illnesses. 2213A Market St, SF. 6-10 pm, $10 tax deductible donation requested. If possible, wear white attire. Info: 282-1911.

"Hidden Legacies," a concert with by SF Gay Men's Chorus, featuring music performed by the Sacramento Gay Men's Chorus. The concert is held in conjunction with the display of the Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt in Sacramento. 8 pm at The Crest Theater, 1013 K Street Mall, Sacramento. Concert followed by private reception, $20 adv, $25 at door includes reception, $12 adv, $15 at door for regular tix. For concert info call (916) 444-5213, for Quilt info call (916) 448-AIDS.

"Together Forever," Kris Kovick, Jimmy Jahoda & others at Red Dora's, see 9/24.

At Mama Bears: Gayle Marie in concert. 8 pm, $8-10. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.

"Strange Fruits," at Josie's Cabaret, see 9/23.

Gayle Marie in concert at Mama Bears: 8 pm, $8-10. Women only. Reservations suggested, call (510) 428-9684. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl.

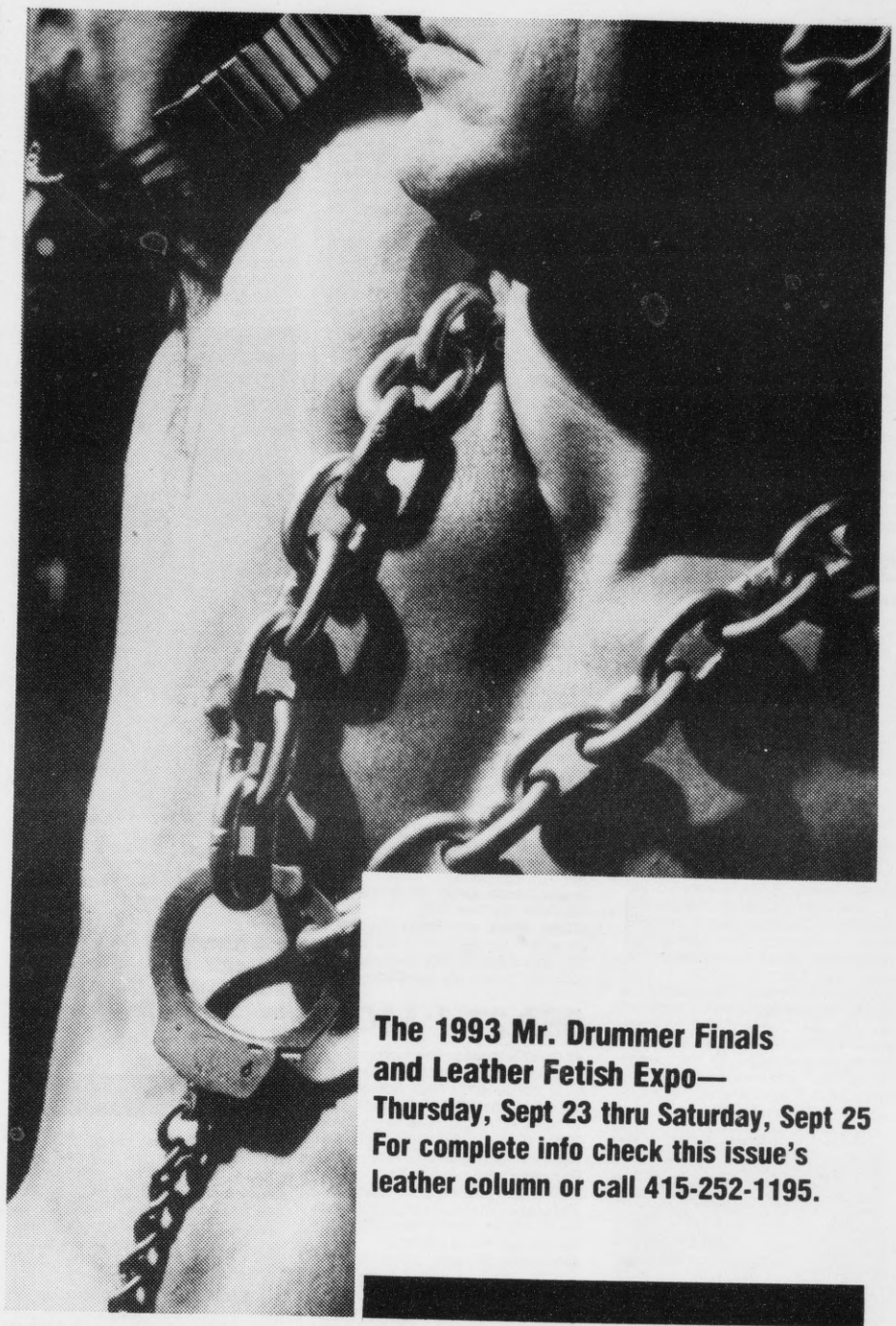
At Sisterspirit Women's Bookstore/Coffeehouse: Music & comedy with Jamie Anderson, celebrating her newest album, *Center of Balance*. 8:30 pm, $8-11. 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 293-9372.

Erotic Dance concert at Victoria Theatre, see 9/23.

Immune Power Wkend Wkshop: 8:30 am-6 pm today & tmw. The first in a series of 3 wkend wkshops presenting an inspiring blend of modern psychoimmunological tools & ancient spiritual and healing practices to empower you to take control of your health & life choices. Life Conference Center, 1675 California St at Van Ness Ave, SF. Info/res: Dan 431-1610.

The Del Rubio Triplets at Klubstitute queer niteclub/cabaret. With DJs Remix & Cheese; emcees David Hawkins & Diet Popstitute. Paula's Queer Clubhouse, 3160 16th St nr Valencia, SF. $5.

Barricades Benefit at Komotion International: Doors open at 9:30 pm, show at 10 (bands unconfirmed as of this printing). $5 tix benefit the Worker-Run Night-



The 1993 Mr. Drummer Finals and Leather Fetish Expo— Thursday, Sept 23 thru Saturday, Sept 25 For complete info check this issue's leather column or call 415-252-1195.

club Collective. 2779 16th St, SF. Info: 861-6423.

"Serious Sex, An Orgy Not A Pageant," party during Folsom Weekend: Features a body shaving lounge staffed by the Philly Hair Razors and *Stubble* magazine, muscle bondage demos, the Mondo Penis "see me" booth for folks who like to perform for the camera, penis enlargement lessons, multimedia leather porn show by Catalina Video, fetish video fest; plus two floors of darkroom play space for plenty of safe "serious sex". 10 pm-4 am at Eros, 2051 Market St, SF. Dress code: naked flesh, leather, rubber, latex, jockstraps, underwear or towels. Admission: $12 plus Eros membership ($1 for one night, $3 for six months). Includes locker rental & free soft drinks. BYOB in cans. For updated info on this event call 985-5209.

Alternative Music Night at El Rio with *Ovarian Trolley, Clock Brains* and *True Margrit*. 10 pm-2 am, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's cabaret with comics Scott Capurro, Suzy Berger and Liz Olsen. 10 pm, $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

SEP 26 / SUN

The Folsom Street Fair: Tenth Anniversary! SF's popular annual extravaganza begins at 11 am on Folsom between 7th & 11th Sts. Lots of booths, food & more. 11th Street Line-up: KC Frogge, Bearrage, Tom Ammiano, Danny Williams, *Malibu Barbie*, Michael Blue, *The Stepchildren, Jungle Red, Corpus Christi*, Ann Drogynous, *Souldozer*, KerSHMACKidda, Tamra Gonzalez and *The Blue Bandits, Skankin'Pickle* and *SFO*. 7th St Stage & Dance Area with DJs Spike, Nikki Rivera, Bugie Matsushita, Annie "Fingertips," Downtown Donna, Matthew Consola, Stafanie Phillips & Page Hodel. Additional entertainment by Kaylyn, Hunter Sunday, Pussy Tourette & Gravity. Table seating & casual entertainment available at The Bear Garden, on 8th St north of Folsom. This year's Fair beneficiaries include the Godfather Service Fund, Kairos & the SF Int'l Lesbian/Gay Film Festival. Produced by the South of Market Merchants' & Individuals' Lifestyle Events (SMMILE). Info: 648-FAIR. The Bay Bridge will be closed to inbound traffic for the Lifeline Bridge Run, with the exception of one lane. SMMILE recommends that fairgoers use BART into the City.

KC Frogge is one of the featured performers at SF's biggest & finest—The Folsom Street Fair.

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Gay & Free: Vipassana (Insight) Meditation Retreat for lesbians & gay men at Spirit Rock—see 9/25 listing for details.

Russian River Women's Wkend II: See 9/24. Final day!

Mark I Chester/SEXART 3 Pre-Folsom Street Fair Party, with food hosted by Ellen Sterling. Benefits Mark I Chester's upcoming one man show in New York. 11 am-1 pm, $10. 1229 Folsom St, SF. Info: 544-1136.

2nd Annual Invitational Croquet Tournament: Benefit for Project Open Hand/SF and the Marin AIDS Project. 11 am at Speedway Meadows, Golden Gate Park, SF. Entry fee: $25 per person or $150 for a team of six. Costumes encouraged. Win by race against time. Food & beverages available. $5 raffle tix for trip to the Caribbean & Hawaii or other spots in the USA. All proceeds benefit the AIDS organizations. Info: 397-0177.

Bi-Friendly Folsom St Fair Expedition: Time to bring the chaps & Levi's out—join Bi-Friendly for this annual pilgrimage in honor of all tastes. For meeting time, place, etc, call Pierre 648-6332.

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans sponsors potluck brunch in the Oakland Fire Zone. Call (415) 281-5666 for details.

Whiptail Lizard Lounge Open Collective Mtg: 7 pm. Whiptail is an alternative alcohol, drug & smoke-free space in the Castro. 4035 18th St, SF. All women are welcome! Info: 267-6979.

2nd Annual Leather Sunday at New Life MCC (Metropolitan Community Church). 12:30 pm. "A joyous celebration of diversity of humankind, honesty in relationships, justice in the community & authenticity in life." Service followed by carpooling to the Folsom Street Fair in SF. 9th & Hearst St, Berkeley. Info: (510) 843-9355.

Moms' Gathering at Whiptail Lizard Lounge—See Parents & Kidsbox for details.

Jewish Lesbians & Bi Women of the Southbay: Potluck BBQ! Bring a side dish to share, and whatever you'd like to grill. 4 pm. Mountain View. RSVP & directions: 969-0552.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Local slut Pansy Bradhaw (of *Betty & Pansy's Severe Queer Review of SF*) discusses religion and spirituality. Come find out what happens when all that kneeling & worshipping takes on diverse signifiers. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Author Patricia Turner reads from *I Heard It Through the Grapevine*, her book looking at the tradition of rumor & legend which has served as a wellspring of continuity & resistance in African-American communities. A lucid, readable analysis of how humor serves as a galvanizing force in battles against social & economic exploitation. 7 pm, free. 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Editor Scott O'Hara and contributing writer Pansy Bradshaw read excerpts from "the anonymous sex bible" *Steam: A Quarterly Journal for Men*. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

"Strange Fruits," at Josie's Cabaret—final performance! See 9/23.

Cuban music at El Rio with *Tumbao y Cuerdas*. 4-8 pm, $7. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Erotic Dance concert at Victoria Theatre—final day! See 9/23.

Queer Rock with *Pansy Division* at Paradise Lounge, 11th & Harrison St, SF. Join them as they celebrate their new 45, "Touch My Joe Camel."

SEP 27 / MON

At Cody's Books: Ken Kesey, author and merry anarchist of letters (*One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, Sometimes a Great Notion*) reads from his darkly comic novel set in the near future, *Sailor Song*. 7 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

Bi-Friendly SF meets at 7 pm for food, drink & conversation at the Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF. Friendly bisexuals (and bi-friendly others) are welcome! Info/calendar: Pierre 648-6332.

Bi-Friendly SF meets at 7 pm tonight & 10/4 & 11 for food, drink & conversation at the Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF. All bisexuals (and bi-friendly others) are welcome! Info/calendar: Pierre 648-6332.

At The Booksmith: Local author William Vollman reads from his collection, *Thirteen Stories & Thirteen Epitaphs* at 7:30 pm. 1644 Haight St, SF. Info: 863-8688.

Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret with emcee Mimi Freed. 8 pm, $5. Aspiring lesbian & gay comics sign up by phone 8 pm, $5. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Maurice Sendak, children's author/illustrator (*Where the Wild Things Are, We're All in the Dumps with Jack & Guy*), speaks as part of City Arts & Lectures' "Talking at the Herbst" lecture series. 8 pm, $14. Info/res: 392-4400.

SEP 28 / TUE

"Gay Asian/Pacific Islander Identity, Positive Self-Image," an 8-week closed discussion group for Gay Asian & Pacific Islander men, meets every Tues, 6:30-8 pm at Pacific Center for Human Growth in Berkeley, today thru 11/23. All ages wecome. Group limited to 8, sign up early. Info: (510) 841-6224.

At Cody's Books: Poet/author James Dickey (*Deliverance*) reads from his newest novel, *To the White Sea*. 7 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

Gay Men's Sketch: Male figure drawing for all skill levels. Classical nude modeling by Chicano artist/model Jorge DeBaca. 7 pm. Info/res: 1229 Folsom St, SF.

See Video, *Spiritual Mastery: the Journey Begins*, an exploration of each step of our spiritual journey. 7 pm, free. Amron Metaphysical Center, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227.

The Black Panthers & Women's Leadership: Tonight's Radical Women meeting features a lively discussion of Elaine Brown's book, *A Taste of Power: A Black Woman's Story*. Guest speaker Sheba Haven, former member of the Black Panther Party, gives her critical perspective on Brown's portrayal of the party. Homemade dinner served at 6:45 pm ($5 donation), mtg starts at 7:30 pm. Valencia Hall, 523-A Valencia St (nr 16th St BART), SF. Info: 864-1278.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets tonight & 10/5 & 12 at 7:30 pm at Au Coquelet, 2000 University at Milvia, Berkeley. Info: Betsy (510) 845-7441.

The Women's Action Coalition (WAC), an open alliance of women committed to direct action on issues affecting the rights of all women, meets tonight (and every Tues) at 7:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Women only. Free childcare provided. Info/updates: Call the hotline at (510) 869-2584.

The Freewheeler Car Club of SF presents their 10th annual benefit vintage car show. See Sept 25 listing for details.

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Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets 7:30 pm at Au Coquelet, 2000 University Ave, Berkeley. Info: Betsy (510) 845-7441.

Lesbian comic Marilyn Pittman in her new one-woman show, "Thank You for Sharing." Show plays Tues-Sun at 8 pm thru 10/10. Tix $10 Tues, Wed, Thurs & Sun; $12 Fri & Sat. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

All-Woman Contact Improv Dance Jam: Every Tues night at Shotwell Studios, 3252-A 19th St at Shotwell (btwn South Van Ness & Folsom), SF. Pre-jam class for all levels, 7-8 pm, followed by jam, 8-10 pm. Bring percussion instruments if you have them. Info: (415) 824-7179 or (510) 601-9461.

SEP 29 / WED

Strawberry Canyon Run with Eastbay Frontrunners: From UC Berkeley campus, take Piedmont Ave/Gayley Rd to Stadium Rim Way. Go east (uphill) past tennis courts, botanical gardens & Lawrence Hall of Science. Take sharp right to Space Sciences Bldg (sign is on left). Meet in parking lot. 6:45 pm. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 482-4391.

Project Inform Update Town Mtg: Provides info on treatment developments & current research. Geared toward both HIV positive & general audience. 7:30 pm at Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 558-9051.

At A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store: Author/analyst Virginia Beane Rutter discusses her new book, *Woman Changing Woman: Feminine Psychology Re-Conceived Through Myth & Experience*, an illuminating new perspective on feminine psychology & spirituality which likens the modern therapeutic process to ancient healing. 7:30 pm, free. 545 Magnolia, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.

Lesbian comic Marilyn Pittman in her new one-woman comedy, "Thank you for Sharing" at Josie's, see 9/28.

Mad Magda's Mystic Cabaret. Benefit show starring Connie Champagne, Danielle Willis, God's Girlfriend, Johnny D, Juan the Charming Snake Dancer and Gail Wilson, with emcees Jerome Caja & Jade. Plus a special appearance by the Mysterious Magda herself. Reunion of guest DJs Mike & Lewis of Uranus. Tarot & palm readings available for $5. 10 pm-2 am, show start at 10:30. $6-12 SL donation. 1190 Folsom at 8th St, SF. Info: 864-1267 ext 2.

SEP 30 / THU

Thy Queendom Come, On Earth as it is In Heaven: Approaches to a les/bi/gay-Friendly Future," a wkend with Irene Monroe & Mary E Hunt, the 7th Annual "Weekend With..." series spons by Bay Area Lesbian/Gay Ecumenical Alliance. Schedule: 9/30, 7:30 pm, Alexander Hall, SF Theological Seminary, 26 Kensington Rd, San Anselmo: "Our Day Has Come: Taking Charge of the Churches," Mary & Irene offer their visions of what it means to live as if the changes we want in church & society have been accomplished. 10/1, 7:30 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF: "Homo-Hatred & Religious Violence: A Call to Disarm," Mary & Irene offer insights & ideas to increase our safety & change the ground rules of the debate. 10/2, 9:30 am-noon at St Aidan's Episcopal Church, Diamond Heights Blvd & Gold Mine Dr, SF: "Asking Hard Questions, Giving Gentle Answers: Womanist/Feminist Dialogue," Speaking as African American & European American women, as lesbian women from different class & religious backgrounds, Mary & Irene model useful kinds of community dialogue. 10/2 at 7:30 pm at Mudd Hall, Rm 100, Pacific School of Religion, 1798 Scenic Ave, Berkeley: "The Legacy of Holy Homosexuality: Passing on the Good Word," Irene & Mary honor our les/bi/gay ancestors & celebrate their contributions, with Victoria Rue, feminist theologian & theater artist. All events are wheelchair accessible. ASL interpetation with 10 days notice (call 567-9582). $5-20 SL donation, no one turned away for lack of funds. Info: (415) 923-1849, (510) 653-2134 or (415) 456-0652.

Our Choices: *Women's Personal Decisions About Abortion* author Sumi Hoshiko gives a reading/discussion about her new book, a collection of personal stories about women's experiences with abortion. At least one fourth of all pregnancies in the US end in abortions. This book challenges the public debate to acknowledge the high incidence of abortion & address the reasons that mnay women at some point in their lives decide that abortion is necessary. Noon-1 pm, free. UCSF Toland Hall, 533 Parnassus Ave, SF. Spons by UCSF Women's Resource Center. Info: 476-5222.

Sorority Rush: ETVC, TV/TS & Friends Club, presents its end of the month social event, with music by *Pandora's Box*. ETVC is a 400-member support/social group for the transgender community. For info/location call (510) 849-4112 or write ETVC, PO Box 426486, SF 94142.

Regina Marler discusses her book *The Selected Letters of Vanessa Bell*. 7:30 pm at A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books, Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

At A Clean, Well-Lighted Place for Books: SF writer Regina Marler discusses her book, *The Selected Letters of Vanessa Bell*, about the sister of Virginia Woolf and Bloomsbury intimate. 7:30 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

Esalen co-founder Michael Murphy reads from *The Future of the Body* at The Booksmith, 1644 Haight St, SF. 7:30 pm. Info: 863-8688.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma St, Palo Alto. Topic: Lies & Secrets. All women are welcome! Info: Lynn (408) 737-9229 or Marilyn (415) 583-1649.

Diablo Dancers offer a free introductory square dance class to lesbian & gay men. 7:30-9:30 pm at the Women's Club of Walnut Creek, 1224 Lincoln Ave, Walnut Creek. Info: Bill (510) 724-7365.

Intro to the Radiance: Van R Ault gives a free introductory presentation on the Radiance Technique, a natural self-help method for renewing and expanding your natural vitality & well being. 7:45 pm. First Unitarian Church, Emerson Room, 1187 Franklin at Geary, SF. Info: 386-5878.

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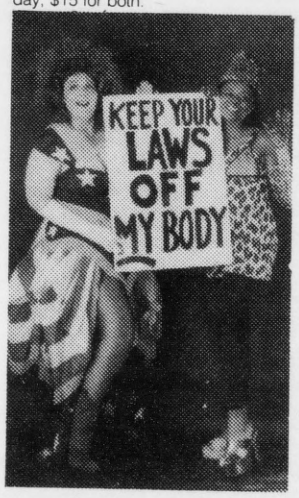
Lesbian comic Marilyn Pittman at Josie's Cabaret, see 9/28.

OCT 1 / FRI

Role Play: Top/Bottom, Daddy/Boy... Switch?: A mini-conference hosted by L/SM Round-Up as part of their events surrounding their upcoming conference "Bound by Serenity 1993," to be held in SF Sept 17-19, 1993. The mini-conference provides a forum for people in the leather, s/m & fetishist community to share, openly & fearlessly, their experience, strength & hope surrounding issues of role play (both those who assume a particular role & those who switch from one to another). Event includes panel made up of professionals and community members. 4:30 pm, $5 donation, no one turned away for lack of funds. Info/location: 764-2990 (24 hr voice mail, or write L/SM Round-Up, PO Box 425547, SF 94142-5547.

AIDS/HIV Nightline seeks volunteers to provide help and emotional support by telephone to people with HIV concerns. If you're a good listener, able to relate to others on a personal level with care & understanding, and available evenings or nights, you're needed! Training course provided. Call SF Suicide Prevention, 752-4866, and ask for Rolph or Dave.

Lesbian Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament: Registration deadline is today! Annual fundraiser for Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services. Mixed doubles tennis, lesbian-style (butch-femme vs butch-femme). 10/30-31, 9 am-4 pm at Mills College, Oakl. Lesbian mixed doubles matches on Sat morning & Sun afternoon, Sun morning devoted to lesbian Pro-Am matches. Throughout the weekend, the tennis will be judged & commented on by tennis novice JoAnn Loulan, well-known psychotherapist and author of *The Lesbian Erotic Dance: Butch, Femme, Androgeny & Other Rhythms*. For player registration forms & other info contact the tournament organizer, Nanette Gartrell, MD, 346-2336. Spectators pay $10 for one day, $15 for both.



Phat & Black: Debut performance of Scarlot Harlot & Dee Russell's new comedy team. An uncensored evening of politics, costumes, poems, gossip, schtick, common sense & video. 8:30 pm, $5-10. Red Dora's Bearded Lady, 485 14th St nr Guerrero, SF. Info: 626-2805.

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Castro Country Club 10th Anniversary Celebration: Open house 5:30-8:30 pm. SF Supervisor Carole Migden presents an award to SF's premiere clean & sober social club at 6 pm.

Isn't It Romantic? Dinner/Dance: Today's the deadline for dinner reservations, see 10/9 listing for details.

Women's Country Western Class & Dance—see 9/24 listing.

Shabbat Gathering of Jewish lesbians, bisexual women & their women friends: Come let go of the week and your work, bring in Shabbat with song, food, schmoozing & Jewish culture—no experience necessary! SF location this month. 7:30 pm. Bring a substantial vegetarian potluck dish. Please wear no scents. For location/directions call (415) 333-6198, for other info call (510) 654-8104.

"Thy Queendom Come: Approaches to a Les/Bi/Gay-Friendly Future" a weekend with Irene Monroe & Mary E Hunt continues, see 9/30.

At Green Apple Books: Punster/author Richard Lederer discusses his new book, *More Anguished English* at 7:30 pm. Book includes 2000-plus examples of howlers, malapropisms, mixed metaphors and more. Event is part of a series highlighting Green Apple's 25th anniversary. The bookstore will donate a portion of October's sales to 3 Bay Area nonprofits—AIDS Emergency Fund, Hospice by the Bay and Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services. For info or to reserve an autographed copy of *More Anguished English* call Green Apple 387-2272.

Lesbian comic Marilyn Pittman in "Thank You for Sharing," a solo stand-up comedy show at Josie's Cabaret. Edgy 70-min romp thru life in the '90s—love, sex, politics, the new age and the media. Each monologue deals with contemporary topics such as dating a psychopath, reading too many self-help books, fighting on vacation, exposing fundamentalists, channeling the inner child or turning the channel on TV news. 8 pm, $12. Plays Tues-Sun, 9/28-10/10 at 8 pm. Tix $10 Tues, Wed, Thur & Sun; $12 Fri & Sat. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

He Plays, She Sings: Andrew Moore & Diana Sheehan perform romantic songs of Jerome Kern, in an original, old-fashioned backstage musical. Fun for audiences of all ages. Tonight & tmw at 8 pm. Fri night proceeds benefit the New Conservatory Theatre's HIV Educational Touring Division for Youth. Tix $15. 25 Van Ness Ave. SF. Info/res: 861-8972.

"Up Close & Personal," 1993 Edge Festival features cutting edge dance & performance art, see 9/24.

Death on Heels: Femme Dykes of the 90's—Two eves (tonight & tmw at 8:30 pm, $5-10) of corsetted performance art, push-up bra dance and thigh-high spoken word; with Lisi DeHaas doing heartland kink performance, Chloe Ohme deconstructing fem, choreographer Laura Polak with her femme girl gang, Jessica Patton on stripping and the second coming (out), Nicole Ginzler & April Miller doing spoken word, LMNOP Dance in "Pixilating Performance" and other hot bitches Working It. Everyone welcome! Femmes come as you are, butches come on your knees, boys are welcome too—but in femme drag only. 848 Divisadero at McAllister, SF. Info/res: 255-8216.

Club nZinga int'l dance party at El Rio with DJ Mongrel, tonight & 10/8 & 15, 9 pm-2 am, $4. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Comics Scott Capurro & Mark Davis, two of SF's funniest young gay funnymen, team up for a night of laughs at Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St at Market, SF. 10 pm, $10. Info/res: 861-7933.

OCT 2 / SAT

Napa AIDS Walk '93: Fundraiser for local AIDS/HIV organizations. Info: Napa Valley AIDS Project (707) 258-2437.

Coast Clean Up Day with Gay/Lesbian Sierrans, call 281-5666 for details.

"Thy Queendom Come: Approaches to a Les/Gay/Bi-Friendly Future," program with Irene Monroe & Mary E Hunt continues, see 9/30.

Nat'l Coastal Clean-Up Day: Join SF Hiking Club and help clean litter from Lands End. Meet 10 am in the north end of the Merrie Way parking lot. Bring work gloves, wear long pants, long-sleeved shirts, scuffable boots or tennis shoes and bring spare warm sweater, a snack and water. Info: 285-1260 eves, BEFORE 9:30 pm.

"Becoming Emotionally Available," a safe & friendly Meeting Men event. In pairs, practice using your feelings to create dynamic relationships. 10 am-5 pm, $45. No alcohol, smoking or sex. SF location. For info/res: 239-7839.

Intermediate/Advanced level country western dance workshop for women at JR's in the Eastbay. 1-4 pm. Info: Laurie Ann (510) 530-4019.

Marin Women's Support Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets at 1:30 pm. Info/location: Betty 479-6643.

Lesbian comic Marilyn Pittman in "Thank You for Sharing" at Josie's, see 10/1.

Death on Heels: Femme Dykes of the '90s—performance art 2 nites only: see Oct 1.
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He Plays, She Sings at New Conservatory Theatre Center, see 10/1.

2nd Annual Sukkot (Harvest Festival) Party/Vegetarian Potluck. Spons by the

Jewish Bi Caucus. Balboa Park, SF location. If your birthday is from Jan-Mar bring a main course, from April-June bring side dish/salad, from July-Sept bring drinks, Oct-Dec dessert. For details call Susan (510) 528-7139 or Jim (415) 337-4566.

Oakland Jazz Choir in concert at First Presbyterian Church, 27th & Broadway, Oakl. Diverse program of Brazilian, straight-ahead, blues & contemporary jazz. Works by Antonio Carlos Jobim, Joe Henderson, Thelonius Monk, Wayne Wallace & Bobby McFerrin. 8 pm. Tix $10 adv, $12 at door. Info: (510) 287-8880.

Single Dykes Social Gathering at Whiptail Lizard Lounge: Come one, come all—get lucky and/or make some new friends! 8-11 pm, all women welcome! Alcohol, drug and smoke-free. 4035 18th St, SF. Info: 267-6979.

"Unforgettable!" benefit for the Black Coalition on AIDS. A tribute to legendary musical artists from the 1920s to 1964, with dynamic Faye Carol as "Lady Day" (Billie Holliday), fabulous Denise Perrier as Dinah Washington, the great Bobbie "Spider" Webb as Brook Benton, spectacular Abbie Rhone as Bert Williams and other marvelous discoveries as Bessie Smith, Josephine Baker, Ethel Waters, Arthur Prysock, Billy Eckstine, Nat King Cole & Sam Cooke. Produced by Robert Morgan-Wilde, hosted by Lorraine Hansberry Theatre. 8 pm tonight, 4 pm tmw. 620 Sutter St, SF. Patron tix $100, gen'l admission $25. For tix info call Black Coalition on AIDS 346-2364 or 776-3075.

At Mama Bears: Evening of torch, blues & ballads with Elsa Larson. Linda Rostoker on piano. 8 pm, $7-10. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.

The Women's Philharmonic opens its 1993-94 season with an Israeli & Jewish American program, presented in association with Cal Performances. The Zellerbach Hall, UC Berkeley concert is followed by an opening gala reception at UC Berkeley Alumni House. Program: world premiere of Shulamit Ran's *Fantasy for Cello & Orchestra*, also Shelly Hanson's *B'Sh-ah Tovah* ("All in Good Time") and Tsippi Fleischer's *A Girl Called Limonad*. The Pacific Mozart Ensemble joins the Women's Philharmonic in a performance of Leonard Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms*, a choral setting of Hebrew texts, in honor of the 75th anniversary of Bernstein's birth. 7 pm "Concert Conversations" with conductor JoAnn Falletta & visiting composers discussing their work, concert begins at 8 pm. Season & gala tix available thru Cal Performances Box Office (510) 642-9988. Season tix: $145 for 5-concert series, includes opening gala reception, $98 without reception. For 1993-94 season brochure or further info call 543-2297.

Jewish Lesbian Comedy Night at Tea Spot Cafe with Lisa Geduldig & Suzy Berger. 9 pm, $8. 2072 San Pablo Ave at University, Berkeley. Info/res: (510) 848-7376.

Alternative Music Night at El Rio with *White Trash Debutantes, Jack Killed Jill* and *God Squad*. 10 pm-2 am, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with comics Mark Davis, Sabrina Matthews & Doug Holsclaw. 10 pm, $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

OCT 3 / SUN

Muir Woods Work Party with Gav/Lesbian Sierrans, call 281-5666 for details.

Sidewalk & Bake Sale spons by Maitri AIDS Hospice: 9 am- 6 pm at the hospice, 61 Hartford St, btwn 17th & 18th, SF. Lots of plants & household items for sale, plus delicious cookies, brownies, cupcakes, ice cream & soft drinks. Massage offered by certified practitioners. Maitri staff available to answer questions about the hospice. Item donation welcome, call Arthur or Jeoflin 255-9315 for more info.

Luisah Teish & Harmony Network present "Harvesting Abundance," a women's prosperity workshop, 11 am-5 pm at Oceansong in Occidental. Experiential exploration of the principle of prosperity as a force in nature, encouraging a positive relationship between Spirit and Matter. Teish, author, ritualist & priestess of Oshun in the West African Yoruba tradition, teaches a variety of multicultural rituals for attracting abundance. Workshop for women at Oceansong retreat center in West Sonoma County. 11 am-5 pm, $50. Discount for early registration. Info/reg: Harmony Network (707) 869-0989.

G Forty Plus Club meets 2-4 pm at First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin at Geary, SF. Gay activist Tom Ammiano, president of the SF School Board, discusses his work. Also raffle with Romeo! Bring your anonymously wrapped gift. Info: 552-1997.

"Unforgettable!" benefit for the Black Coalition on AIDS at Lorraine Hansberry Theatre, see 10/2.

Alex de Grassi Concert: Windham Hill guitarist gives a concert to benefit Billy DeFrank Lesbian/Gay Community Center. 6 & 8:30 pm, $11 adv, $12 at door. 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Info/res: (408) 293-2429.

Whiptail Lizard Lounge alternative dyke space open noon-9 pm. Alcohol, drug & smoke-free. All women are welcome. Open collective meeting at 7 pm. Come help create the space you want & need. 4035 18th St, SF. Info: 267-6979.

Salsa Garden Party at El Rio with Sal Nunez and *Grupo Inspiracion*. 4-8 pm, $7. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Lesbian comic Marilyn Pittman in "Thank You for Sharing" at Josie's Cabaret, see 10/1.

OCT 4 / MON

Women Writers Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 6-9 pm at OC, 1853 Market St, SF. Led by Martha Courtot. Info: 626-7000.

Bi-Friendly SF meets for food, drink & conversation, see 9/27.

Gay Spirituality Discussion Group meets 7:30-9:30 pm tonight. Topic: Gay Rage, Gay Liberation. At The Parsonage, 555-A, Castro St, SF. Group meets monthly, with focus on shared personal experiences by men from all spiritual/religious traditions. Info: 552-2909.

Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret with emcee Suzy Berger. Aspiring gay & lesbian comics sign up by phone. 8 pm, $5. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

OCT 5 / TUE

Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF volunteer trainings: 10/5, 7 & 12, 6-10 pm; 10/9, 9 am-5 pm. Opportunities include patient care, help with errands & transportation, massage kitchen work & reception for Coming Home Hospice, office support & special proejcts. Info: Pat Bregant 861-6959 ext 531 or Christoper Esposito 861-6959 ext 529.

At A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books: Acclaimed novelist Marita Golden dicusses her book, *Wild Women*

parents & kids box

Only until October 31: Marine World in Vallejo features "The Incredible Acrobats of China." Open Wed-Sun.

Moms' Gathering at Whiptail Lizard Lounge. 9/26, 1-4 pm. Meet other moms and their kids. Mtg for both new & experienced mothers. The Lounge is an alcohol, drug & smoke-free space. All women are welcome! 4035 18th St, SF. Info: 267-6979.

Great Halloween Pumpkin Fest: 10/16-17, 10 am-5 pm on Clement Street btwn 2nd & 9th Aves. 7th annual event features arts & crafts, fine food & wine, kids' parade, marching bands, pumpkin-carving demos, pie-eating contests, trick or treats for kids in participating stores, hayrides, pony ride, even an urban pumpkin patch! Spons by the Greater Clement Street Merchants' Association. Info: 346-4561.

Halloween Party for lesbian & gay parents & their kids, spons by Marin Lesbian & Gay Parents Group. 10/30, 1-4 pm. Newcomers welcome! For location & other info call 457-1115. Spons by Spectrum.

Halloween Harvest Festival: Fundraiser at First Unitarian Church of SF. 10/31, 12:30-7 pm. Country dancing, pumpkin carving, haunted house, vaudeville talent show, gaslight sing-a-long, trick-or-treat parade, homemade treats, handmade crafts. Tix $10 gen'l, $5 kids, $15 families, $7 srs. 1187 Franklin St at Geary, SF. Info: 776-4580.

Lesbian Mothers Support Group spons by Operation Concern: Explore parenting issues with other mothers. Discuss the expectations, problems, triumphs, fears, hopes & dreams we have for our children & ourselves. 10 wk group meets Tues, 10:30 am-noon, beginning 10/5. Info: Saralie Pennington 626-7000 ext 173.

Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services Parenting Program provides a wide variety of parenting resources, for details call 565-7674. 1748 Market St, Ste 201, SF.

Randall Museum Programs: Workshops & classes for all ages, kids under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Plenty of free parking available. Sat workshops begin at 1 pm and last 1-2 hrs, sign-ups begin at 12:30, call 554-9600 for details. **Saturdays in Sept-Oct:** $3-4 per person. 9/25—**Wood Sculpture Assemblage** with Chris Boettcher. Create fanciful wood sculptures by hot gluing odd-shaped pieces of wood from our abundant scrap chest. 10/2— **Foam Core Prints** w/Leona Beasley. "Engrave" your own design in foam core & print it in multiple colors. 10/9—**Miscroscope Safari** w/John Dillon. Come peer thru the museum's microscopes & discover bizarre creatures. 10/16—**Handmade Gliders** w/the Vultures Model Airplane Club. The museum's resident model airplane club shows how to build a simple wooden model airplane that glides. 10/23—**Monster Masks** w/Kemit Amenophis. Cut & fold tagboard & paper to form monstrous features on your own magnificient mask, perfect for trick or treat. 10/30—**Halloween Fest!** Experience the night-time magic of the infamous Nocturnal Gallery, creep thru the haunted tunnel—if you dare! Other horrific happenings include skullduggery, crafts, games, face painting and a Halloween feast to frighten your hunger away! Admission free. Event includes both fee & free activities, call 554-9600 for specifics. **Other Saturday Programs:** Free **"Animal Talk,"** at 2:15 pm every Sat. **Model Railroad Exhibit** 2nd & 4th Sat, 1-4 pm. 199 Museum Way, SF. Spons by the SF Recreation & Parks Dept.

Bay Area Discovery Museum offers a wide variety of classes & programs for kids & parents. 557 East Fort Baker, Sausalito. 332-7674.

Artfull Circle Theatre Fall program for Bay Area youth: Program explores the magic of theatre via theatre games, scene studies, choreographed movement, dance, mime & singing. Sessions held in Artfull Circle Theatre, a multifaceted wonderland located at 47 Waller St, SF. Sessions meet 3 times per week, students may take 1-3 classes per week. Fees start at $15 monthly. Call Robert Gardner 621-7305 for info/brochure.

Grandparents/Seniors Days at Marine World: Thru 10/31. All grandparents and seniors over age 60 get an additional $5 off the senior discount tix price, addt'l discounts for family members & friends are also available. Highlights for Sept & Oct include "Dinosaurs! A Prehistoric Adventure," "The Incredible Acrobats of China," and "Water Ski & Boat Show." Hrs: Wed-Sun, 9:30 am-5:30 pm. Gen'l admission: $23.95, $16.95 for kids ages 4-12, free for tots age 3 and under. Grandparents & seniors special rate is $14.95 (adv reg required). Info: (707) 644-4000.

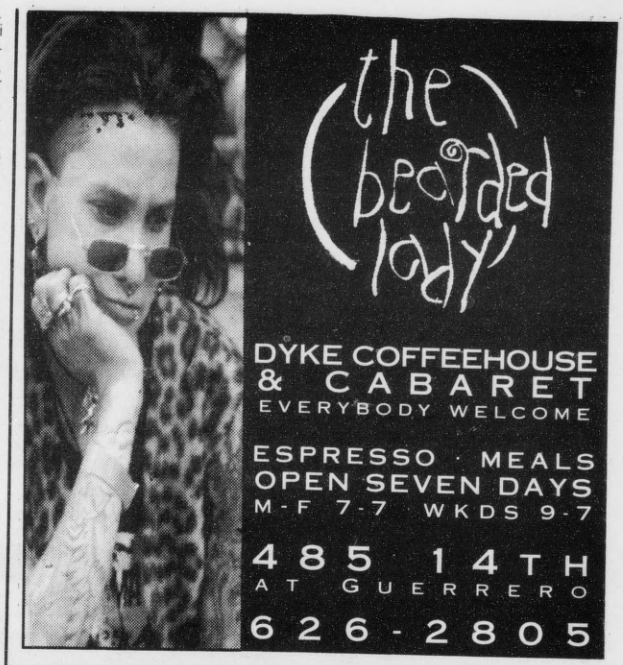
Spirit Theatre Dance Studio Children's Cultural Arts Afterschool Program: African dance, jazz dance, percussion, mask making, art. Info: (510) 849-3232.

Golden Gate Boys Choir & Bellringers (GGBC) is accepting new members! Interested boys ages 7 & older with unchanged voices are invited to join thru 10/15. No previous musical training or experience is required. Rehearsal locations in San Francisco, Oakland, San Ramon & San Lorenzo. International tour & summer music camp offered each year. Info: (415) 431-1137 or (510) 887-4311.

Kids 'N' Clay Pottery Studio offers pottery classes in the Eastbay. Affordable, ongoing weekly classes for kids ages 7 & up. $14.50 per class, class size kept low to assure personal attention. For schedules & other info call (510) 486-1797. Located behind the North Berkeley BART Station. Adult classes also offered.

Kairos Youth Choir, a chorus of mixed voices for unchanged treble voices (ages 7-14) holds auditions for the 1993/94 season, thru Oct. Children learn musicianship & musical history, sing in foreign languages and varied styles of music, work with oustanding professional musicians, tour with Kairos, make lots of new friends! No previous musical training necessary. Call (510) 644-2299 for audition information.

PLEASE NOTE: *Don't forget to check the Parenting sections of the Open Exchange Classifieds and the Resource Guide for more parenting resources.*



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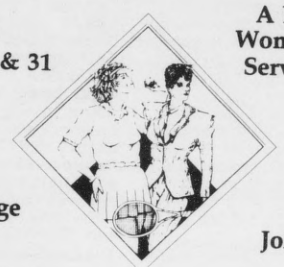

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Don't Wear No Blues, a collection of essays by 14 Black women pondering the mysteries of love, men & sex. Contributors include Bebe Moore Campbell, Audre Lorde & Ntzoke Shange. Kim Wozencraft reads from her new book *Notes from the Country Club*, about battered women & domestic violence. UC Berkeley English professor & National Book Critics Circle Award winner Bharati Mukherjee reads from her new novel, *The Holder of the World* 7:30 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Writer/illustrator Mabel Maney reads & shows visuals from *The Case of the Not-So-Nice Nurse*, her hilarious parody of the Nancy Drew mystery series. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets tonight, see 9/28.

Lesbian comic Marilyn Pittman in "Thank You for Sharing" at Josie's Cabaret, see 10/1.

Baobab Rhythm & Roots at El Rio with DJ Mongrel, 8 pm-midnight, tonight & 10/12. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

OCT 6 / W E D

Twice Blessed: Southbay support group for Jewish lesbians & gay men, spons by Kavod/Jewish Family Service of Santa Clara County, call Karen Belford, MSW (408) 399-2202.

Project Inform Introductory Town Mtg: Get overview of HIV disease, plus immune monitoring & treatment strategy. For HIV positive people & general audience. Held at Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. For time & other info call 558-9051.

SF Hiking Club Monthy Mtg & Social: 7:30 pm at Eureka Valley Rec Center, Collingwood nr 18th (next to Cala Market), SF. Felix Smith shows slides of Canyonlands National Park, Utah and Henry Coe State Park.

The Ache Series returns with "Laying it on the Table: What You Always Wanted to Know But Were Afraid to Ask About Safer Sex for Lesbians!" Program features an erotic dancer, safer sex demos by the Safer Sex Sluts, poetry by Imani Harrington & Ekua Omosupe, clips from the film *Fighting for Our Lives: Women Confronting AIDS*, plus a panel discussion. Panelists: Imani Harrington, Leatha Jones, Mitzi Jones, Queen Cougar, Tracey Rochelle & Clydis Rogers. 7:30 pm, $5-7, no one turned away for lack of funds. See you there! Info: (510) 465-8254.

Lesbian comic Marilyn Pittman in "Thank You for Sharing" at Josie's Cabaret, see 10/1.

Purple Moon Dance Project presents a new "Overlapping Clothes" dance performance at Theatre Artaud, 450 Florida St, btwn 17th & Mariposa, SF. Thurs-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun matinee at 2 pm, thru 10/10. Benefit performance tonight (proceeds benefit Asian Pacifica Lesbian Network, Lesbian of Color Project/National Center for Lesbian Rights & the Women's Cancer Resource Center) at 8:30 pm, $25. Regular tix $15. Purple Moon Dance Project (Miya Masaoka, Kim Creighton, Gishela Guillen, Nancy Ng, Ava Miller, Soyinka Rahim & artistic director Jill Togawa) is a multiracial company of lesbian dancers presenting work that celebrates relationships between women as lovers, partners & friends. Info/tix: 621-7797.

Rare Funk & Jazz grooves at El Rio with DJ Nakaya, 9:30 pm-2 am in the main bar. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

OCT 7 / T H U

Bus Trip to Benicia: Spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Bus leaves Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF, at 9 am. $11, scholarship help available. Info: Pat or George 626-7000.

Mobilization Against AIDS Fundraiser: Supervisor Angela Alioto hosts a fundraising gathering for MAA at her Pacific Heights home. MAA's new executive director Mike Shriver discusses his plans for the group's ongoing AIDS advocacy efforts. For tix and other info call 863-4676.

Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF Volunteer Training: See 10/5.

"Make Every Day Count" Dinner: 5th annual event spons by Shanti Project. Fundraiser honors outstanding individuals & organizations in the fight against AIDS. 6 pm, $150. Grand Hyatt Hotel, SF. Info/res: 777-2273.

Open Mike for Women Survivors of Traumatic Abuse: 7 pm at Mama Bears. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma St, Palo Alto. Topic: Just What Do Lesbians Do in Bed Anyway?—A detailed discussion of lesbian sex techniques, led by Marilyn. All women are welcome! Info: Lynn (408) 737-9229 or Marilyn (415) 583-1649.

Betty Bethards, mystic, healer & author of *The Dream Book* and *Be Your Own Guru* lectures on "Healing Body, Mind & Spirit" at Ft Mason Center, Bldg A, SF. 8 pm, $9 at door, $6 srs & youth. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: Inner Light Foundation (707) 765-2200.

Lesbian comic Marilyn Pittman in "Thank You for Sharing," a solo standup comedy show at Josie's Cabaret. Edgy 70-min romp thru life in the '90s—love, sex, politics, the new age and the media. Each monologue deals with contemporary topics such as dating a psychopath, reading too many self-help books, fighting on vacation, exposing fundamentalists, channeling the inner child or turning the channel on TV news. 8 pm, $12. Plays Tues-Sun at 8 pm thru 10/10. Tix $10 Tues, Wed, Thurs & Sun; $12 Fri & Sat. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info: 861-7933.

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"She Ain't No Betty Crocker!" Follies at Kimo's: Night of garter-slapping comedy hosted by Mimi Freed in an apron, to benefit Steve Greenberg's *A Natural Woman*, the transgendered documentary about working girls and girls who work. Enjoy Babette's White Trash Cooking Class-less (better be good because comic Mark Davis' mother, Mavis, will be watching from the stage), plus Gwen Fish Lucero (she gave up on the PTA & took to the bottle) and funny cabaret tunes by our favorite ladies of the Tenderloin. They'll be filming, so doll up & mingle! Lots of white trash snacks & finger foods. 10 pm, $10 at Kimo's, 1351 Polk St, SF.

galleries

de Young Museum Golden Gate Park, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun 10 am-5 pm. Fee: $8 gen'l, $4 kids age 12-17, $5 srs (65 & over), kids under 12 are free. Info: 750-3614.

SF Museum of Modern Art: "New York Photographs by Judith Joy Ross," on exhibit thru 11/28. "Max Beckman: Prints from the Museum of Modern Art," on exhibit 9/30-11/14. "The Young Rebel in American Photography, 1950-1970," exhibit of work by Diane Arbus, Larry Clark, Bruce Davidson, Larry Fink, Robert Frank, Lee Friedlander, Wiliam Gale Gedney, Allen Ginsberg, Danny Lyon & Josephine Sterling, on exhibit thru 1/30. 401 Van Ness Ave, SF. Hrs: 10 am-5 pm, Tues, Wed & Fri; 10 am-9 pm Thurs; 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun. Tix $4 gen'l, $2 srs & stdnts, kids under 13 are free. Info: 252-4000.

Oakland Museum: "Sono Osato: Oakland Drawers," sculptural installation created from found objects, based on the artist's research into the history of the city of Oakland, thru 10/2. "Here & Now: Bay Area Masterworks form the di Rosa Collections," on exhibit 10/16-1/2. Hrs: Wed-Sat 10 am-5 pm, Sun noon-7 pm. 1000 Oak St at 10th (one block from Lake Merritt BART, five blocks from highways 880 & 980). Admission free unless noted. Info: (510) 238-3401.

Judah L Magnes Museum: "Shtetl Life," prints & drawings from 52 artists, including Marc Chagall, Chaim Gross, William Gropper, Ruth Weisberg & Solomon Yudovin, on exhbit 10/3-1/31. Opening reception 10/3 at 2 pm. Hrs: Sun-Thurs, 10 am-4 pm. Closed Jewish & federal holidays. Info: (510) 549-6950. 2911 Russell St, Berkeley.

The Jewish Museum: Hrs: Sun-Wed, 11 am-5 pm, first Thurs of every month, 11 am-8 pm.

The Mexican Museum: "Gronk! A Living Survey: 1973-1993," works on exhibit thru 11/21. Ft Mason Center, Bldg D, Laguna & Marina Blvds, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun, noon-5 pm. $3 gen'l, $2 stdnts & srs, kids under 10 are free, first Wed of each month admission is free, noon-8 pm. Info:202-9700.

Ansel Adams Center: 250 Fourth St, SF. "Eadweard Muybridge & the Photographic Panorama of SF, 1850-1880," on exhibit thru 10/24. Hrs: Tues-Sun, 11 am-5 pm; 1st Thurs of every month, 11 am-8 pm. $4 gen'l, $3 stdnts, $2 srs/youth 12-17, kids under 12 are free. Info: 495-7000.

Architrave Gallery: One-man show of paintings & marionette puppets by Timothy Cummings, thru 10/10. Opening reception 10/1. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-7 pm, Sun noon-5 pm. 541 Hayes St, SF. Info: 621-4923.

Asian Art Museum: Golden Gate Park, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun, 10 am-5 pm. Admission: $5 gen'l, $3 srs 65 & over, $2 youth ages 12-17, free for kids under 12. Exhibit Hotline: 668-7855. General museum info: 668-8921. TDD 752-2635.

Christensen Heller Gallery: Group show featuring porcelain masks by Martin Grantham, painted quilt hangings by Emmanuelle Curtet, fanciful furniture by Nadine Gay & Pierre Curtet and clay masks by Jane Fusek. 5831 College Ave, Oakl. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-6 pm. Info: (510) 655-5952.

Bayfront Gallery: "The Bizen Sonata," 90-piece multicultural & multimedia exhibit of Pacific Rim Art, directed by Dr Ronald Phillip Tanaka. On exhibit thru 9/26. Hrs: noon-5 pm daily and in the evenings during performances at the Cowell Theater. Ft Mason Center, Building A, SF. Info: 441-5706.

Belcher Studios Gallery: Photography by Jock McDonald & Lynn Fritsche, on exhibit thru 10/8. 10/15-18, Belcher Studios Group Exhibition, part of Open Studio Weekend. 10/26-11/12, landscapes and still life photography by Ricardo Sander & John Bergholm. 11/18-12/2, paintings & installation by Keith Hale, Evri Kwong & Kerrin O'Brien. 12/9-24, Group Christmas Exhibit by Belcher Studios. Hrs: Noon-5 pm Thurs-Sat, Tues & Wed by appt. Info: 863-8745 or 626-8917.

Capp Street Project: "Enchanted Rooms," a series of sound environments by German sound artist Kurt Dahlke. On exhibit 9/30-10/30. Wed-Sat noon-5 pm. Performances begin on the hour. Closed Fri 10/15 & Sat 10/23. Opening night performance & reception 9/29 at 7 pm. Capp Street Project, 270 14th St at Mission, SF. Info: 626-7747.

The Clay Studio: "Beyond the Armory IV," group show of artists working at the Clay Studio. Opening reception 9/25, show runs thru 10/16. Hrs: Wed-Sat, 10 am-5 pm, and by appt. 52 Julian Ave, SF. Info: 431-6296.

E'space Gallery: "Evidence," recent works by LA artists Tom Dolan and Kevin White, on exhibit thru 9/26. 520 Hayes St at Octavia, SF. Info: 861-4675.

Falkirk Cultural Gallery: "Putting the Pieces Together," exhibit of patchwork quilts by a culturally diverse group of craftswomen, on exhibit thru 11/13. "100 Years/100 Pictures: Chronicles of One Man's Life," an installation exhibit by Susan Hyde Brand, portraying the life of a Russian emigre, Aron Tomaroff, thru 11/13. Hrs: Tues-Fri 10 am-4:30 pm, Thurs till 9 pm, Sat 10 am-1 pm. Free admission, donations welcome. 1408 Mission Ave at "E" St, downtown San Rafael. Info: 485-3327.

Gallery on the Rim: Paintings, drawings & poetry by Eileen Baker on exhibit thru 9/28. "A Sentimental Journey," works on paper & canvas by Andre Martens, on exhibit 10/1-14, opening reception 10/1, 5:30-8:30 pm. "Branches of Art," wall scultpure by Andy Harader, on exhibit 10/16-29, opening reception 10/16, 6-9 pm. 333 Third St, Ste 200, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sun 11 am-7 pm. Info: 543-7007.

Ghia Gallery: "Behold Her: Exploring Female Body Image & Beauty," exhibit presented by The Beauty Project, a group of women artists exploring female issues of body image, beauty & aging. Exhibit includes works by Emily Duffy, Melissa Ehrenreich, Joanna Katz, Ines Kramer, Loir Kossowsky, Liz Maxwell, Patricia Montgomery, Barbara Morris, Teresa Smith, Kerry Vandermeer & Lorraine Weglarz. Exhibit runs thru 10/30. Artists' talk 10/1 at 7 pm. 2648 3rd St at 23rd, SF. Info: 282-2832.

John Pence Gallery: Paintings by Randall Lake, on exhibit thru 10/16. 750 Post St, SF. Info: 441-1138.

Kiki Gallery: "Carcass," an exhibit of dead animal imagery as seen thru the eyes of 12 artists (no living animals were harmed in any way to produce the art in this exhibition). Varied works include video, photography, assemblage & taxidermy from a nationwide selection of arts. On exhibit thru 9/26. Hrs: Fri-Sun, noon-8 pm. 483 14th St at Guerrero, SF. Info: 863-KIKI.

The Lab Gallery: "Spur," an audio installation by Ed Osborn, part of "Earshot," a series of sound and sight works. Exhibit runs thru 10/2. 1807 Divisadero St, SF. Hrs: Noon-5 pm Wed-Sat. Info: 346-4063.

The Luggage Store Gallery: "Ring, Ring Goes the Bell," a visual collaboration/installation of film, found objects and construction dealing with the theme of coming unhinged, byJulio Morales & Domingo Nuno. 509 Cultural Center Annex, 1007 Market St nr 6th, SF. Hrs: Thurs-Sat 1-5 pm, and by appt. Info: 255-5971.

Maxwell Galleries, Ltd: "Landscape of the West: Paintings by Maynard Dixon & Other Western Artists," on exhibit thru 10/30. Hrs: Tues-Fri 9:30 am-5:15 pm, Sat 11 am-5 pm. 551 Sutter St, SF. Info: 421-5193.

Robert Dana Gallery: "Serendipitious Landscapes" work by Italian artist Giovanni Mancini, on exhibit thru 10/3. "I Sing the Body Electric," paintings by Sarena Rosenfeld, on exhibit 10/7-11/7. 1849 Union St, SF. Hrs: Thurs-Sat, 10 am-6 pm; Sun 11 am-5 pm. Info: 749-1849.

Robert Koch Gallery: "Nina Glaser: New York," photos of nudes exploring universal themes of life, death, love & alienation; on exhibit thru 10/23. "Tom Marioni: Color Photograms," on exhibit thru 10/23. 49 Geary St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-5:30 pm. Info: 421-0122.

SF Arts Commission Gallery: "Dress/Code," exhibit features 13 visual & 4 media artists examining issues of gender & identity; 9/23-10/23. "SF Jazz Festival," photos of jazz legends, organized by photographer Lee Tanner, 10/29-11/14. 155 Grove St, SF. Info: 554-9682.

SF Camerawork: "said things," an investigation of oral traditions & storytelling in our hybridized society, by Ann Chamberlain and "genealogical bewilderment," an installation by Kim Yasuda examining adoptee issues. Both exhibits run thru 10/9. "The Family Seen," exhibit of photos examining how the family is viewed by contemporary society & how the photographic image empowers the social & personal imagination of what constitutes a family. Group show of work by 19 artists. Panel discussion with contributing artists Abbe Don, Chris Johnson & Frances Stroh, 10/28 at 8 pm, $4/6. 70 12th St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat, noon-5 pm. Info: 621-1001.

SF Craft & Folk Art Museum: "Unknown Africa: Selections from the Collection of Dan Crowley," exhibit of rare & unusual African art, 10/30-1/2. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm, Tues-Sun; 10 am-5 pm, Sat. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg A, SF. Info: 775-0990.

Soft Touch Gallery: Paintings & drawings by Jeff Culberson on exhibit thru 9/30. Hrs: Tues-Wed, Fri-Sun, 11 am-6 pm. 1580 Haight St, SF. Info: 863-3279.

Victoria Room Gallery: "Prehistoric," a group exhibit rooted in skewed visions of contemporary cultural history. Work by Timothy Buckwalter, Liz Ferran, Meg Mack, Peter Mitchell-Dayton, Randy Moore, Tim O'Toole and Samantha Simpson. Thru 10/2. Hrs: Sat & Sun, 1-5 pm, Thurs 4-8 pm. 180 6th St at Howard, SF. Info: 255-0364.

Vision Gallery: Selection of photographs by Robert Dawson from his "Mono Lake Series," "The Great Central Valley Project," and "The Water in the West Project," thru 10/23. Photos by Oliva Parker, on exhibit thru 10/23. "The Big Picture," a group show, thru 10/23. Hrs: Mon-Sat, 9 am-6 pm. 1155 Mission St, SF. Info: 621-2107.

MACE Space for Art: JoeSam solo exhibit, mixed media & sculpture on exhibit thru 10/9. 1319 Pine St at Hyde, SF. Hrs: Tues-Fri 5-9 pm, Sat noon-5 pm, and by appt. Info: 931-9670.

Morphos Gallery: "Jayne Shor: Threads," solo exhibit of mixed media constructions exploring the relationship between her painterly interpretation of landscape, the environmental crisis & deteriorating social interaction; thru 10/20. 544 Hayes St, SF. Info: 626-0368.

Richmond Art Center: "John Haley: A Retrospective," thru 11/21. Hrs: Tues-Fri 10 am-4:30 pm; Sat-Sun noon-4:30 pm. Civic Center Plaza, Richmond. Info: (510) 620-6772.

NIAD Gallery: "The Painted Form: Art Furniture," National Institute of Art & Disabilities exhibits art furniture by NIAD artists & well-known Bay Area furniture makers. Artists include Bill Baldewicz, Vlado Bradbury, Carl Dern, Mark Erickson, Fabiane Gracia, Nadine Gay, Max Leiber & Gina Pearlin. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-4 pm, Sat 11 am-3 pm. 551 23rd St, Richmond. Info: (510) 620-0290.

New Langton Arts Gallery: "Black Box/White Box" and "My Calling Card," installations by Adrian Piper on confronting issues of race and racial stereotypes. Thru 10/16. Hrs: Wed-Sat, noon-5 pm. 1246 Folsom St, SF. Info: 626-5416.

"SexArt 3," group show on sex, sexuality & eroticism. Exhibit of work by 22 artists, including Michael Rosen, Mariette Pathy Allen, Tee Corinne, Rick Castro, Scott Taylor and Stanley Stellar. Work covers all genders, all orientations & all sexual styles, from the sensual to the outrageous, the pleasant to the shocking. Exhibit runs Sat & Sun thru 9/26, and thru 10/3 by appointment. Mark I. Chester's Folsom Gallery, 1229 Folsom St, SF. Info: 544-1136.

Erotic Sculpture by Harry Tanner on exhibit thru 11/22 at Jaguar Adult Books, 4057 18th St (in the Castro), SF. Info: 863-4777.

"Interconnections," an exhibit of sculptures in clay by Lois Need and works on paper by Susan Need Canavarro. Thru 9/30 at The Family Gallery, Duncan Mills (on the Russian River, hwy 116, 6 miles from Jenner). Info: (707) 865-1540.

"Neo-Psychedelic Organic Fantasy Artwork," by Frederick Campbell Hovey, on exhibit thru 10/5 at Sweet Inspiration, 2239 Market St, SF. Info: 761-9246.

"An Invisible Life: A View into the World of a 120-Year-Old Man," an exhibit by Fred Wilson at Haas-Lilienthal House, 2007 Franklin St, SF. Thurs-Sat, free; Wed-Sun $4 (includes tour of house). Exhibit runs thru 10/3.

"Writing with Light," group photographic exhibit at Marathon Plaza, 303 2nd St, SF. Runs 9/24-12/1, opening reception 9/24, 11 am-2 pm. Info: 777-5548.

Mixed media art at Virginia Bowen, on exhibit at Josie's Cabaret 10/1-30. 3583 16th St at Market, SF.

"Ethnic Visions," ethnographic art show with film, dance, music and more at Marin Civic Center Exhibition Hall, Civic Center Dr, San Rafael. Features antique & contemporary jewelry, pottery, baskets, beadwork, textiles, masks, paintings & other artworks from Africa, Asia, Oceania & the Americas. Also craft-making demos, dancing, storytelling & ethnic foods. 9/25-26, 11 am-6 pm, $4. Gala benefit for the American Indian Film Institute, 9/24, 6-9:30 pm; includes premiere of a new American Indian film, traditional dancing & food and a sneak preview of the weekend's art show, tix $19. Info: 1-800-765-6927.

Dykes on Bikes: retrospective of photos of Dykes of Bikes from its inception to the present, curated by Jackie Smit. On exhibit at Eichelberger's Bar & Restaurant daily, thru 10/24. Viewers are encouraged to vote for their favorite photo, each vote costs 25 cents, the proceeds will be divided evenly between the AIDS Emergency Fund and Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services. 2742 17th St at Florida (two blocks past Folsom), SF. Info: 863-4177.

"Striking Images: Three Visionary Photographers, Sharing a Show for the 1st Time Ever," exhibit of work by Rink Foto, Freddie Niem & Greg Day; 10/2-10, noon-5 pm at Studio Shanghai West, 119 Collingwood St, SF. Opening reception 10/2, noon-5 pm.

Artspan 1993 Open Studios: 10/9-24. 18th annual event features work by 640 visual artists throughout SF. Held over three consecutive weekends. For full schedule and other info call 861-9838.

GLAA Open Studio at Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, 10/9-10, 10 am-6 pm. Works by Lee Staley, Ivan Dancer, David Gene Fink, Catherine Firpo, Terry Hanson, Ruben Joy, Ric Lewis, Robert Morgan, Raymond Neher & Craig Palmedo. 10 am-6 pm. 953 DeHaro, SF.

"Women En Large," exhibit of nude photos by Laurie T. Edison, on exhibit at Good Vibrations thru 9/31. Info: 974-8980.

"The Intense Warmth of Brazil," an exhibit of 17 color photographs by David Whitman, focusing on the children & young adults he met during recent visits to the states of Bahia and Rio de Janeiro. Thru 11/1 at The Musical Offering, 2430 Bancroft Way, Berkeley (across from UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall).

Striking Images: 3 Visionary Photographers" An exhibit of works by Rink, Fredie Niem and Greg Day. Pictured: "World AIDS Day"/"A Day Without Art" by Rink. Galleries has details.

on stage

Why We Have A Body by Claire Chafee. Chafee's hit play, a humorous exploration of female myths & relationships (including an affair between a married woman and a lesbian private investigator) has been extended for a third time. Play runs Wed-Sun at at 8:30 pm, Sun at 2 & 7:30 pm, thru 10/3. Bayfront Theater, Ft Mason Bldg B, SF. Third floor. Tix $17-23 gen'l, srs & stdnts $12. Info/res: 441-8822.

Jungle Red by Wayne Buidens & Mark Sargent, original score & songs by Mark Sargent. NY society matrons (played by men) lose husbands, win husbands, shop, lunch and knife each other in the back in this musical comedy romp set in 1930s Manhattan and a divorce dude ranch in Reno. Play stars Miss X, Donna Sachet, Ann Drogynous & Mark Sargent. Previews thru 9/26, opens 9/29, runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 4 pm. Tix $15 Fri & Sat, $13 Thurs & Sun. Artfull Circle Theatre, 47 Waller St, btwn Laguna & Octavia, SF. Info/res: 626-KILL or BASS.

Metropolis improv comedy group presents a panorama of unique characters, scenes & songs at Marina Music Hall. Sat, 8:30 pm, thru 10/30. Tix $8. Info/res: 563-2496. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg D, 2nd fl, SF.

Loverguys, three funny, sexy one-on-one-acts about love, sex, marriage and other acts of terrorism, by Ricardo Garufi ("Honeymoon Suite"), David Demchuk ("Touch") and Christopher Wiley ("An Appointment with Mr Hugo"). Theatre Rhinoceros production. Play runs Thurs-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 7 pm thru 10/3 at Rhino Studio, 2926 16th St, SF. Tix $12. Info/res: 861-5079.

Poetomachia by Amy Freed. The story of a match made in hell, the tumultous relationship between two emotionally unbalanced poets. SF Theatre Project production. Runs Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 2:30 pm, thru 10/3 at the Magic Theatre Southside, Building D, 3rd fl, Ft Mason Center, SF. Info/res: 474-8855.

Porcelain by Chay Yew. Play uses prism-like vocal & visual montage to dissect the case of a young Chinese student accused of murdering his Caucasian lover in a public London restroom and the issues of racism, homophobia, betrayal, loss & loneliness raised by a court psychologist's investigation. A poetic journey thru a deadly crime of passion. Theatre Rhino production. Runs Wed-Sun at 8 pm, Sat matinee at 5 pm, Sun matinee at 3 pm, thru 10/16. Theatre Rhino, 2926 16th St at Mission, SF. Info/res: 861-5079.

The Fatherless Sky written & performed by Albert Greenberg. A man searches for himself thru a kaleidoscope of identities—from streetwise city kid to a country & western singer to "the smartest Jew in the world." A Traveling Jewish Theatre production. Play runs Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 7:30 pm, 10/7-11/7. Tix $12-30, stdnt, sr & group discounts. Pay what you can performances on Wed 10/13 & 27. Magic Theatre, Ft Mason Center, Bldg D, SF. Info/res: 399-1809.

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Dancing at Lughnasa by Brian Friel. Tony Award-winning drama set in Ireland in the summer of 1936. Change is in the air—electricity is newly available, a wayward father comes to call, a priestly uncle returns from the heart of tribal Africa somewhat altered, and the Mundy sisters dance to all kinds of music on their new radio. Berkeley Rep Theatre production. Play runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 & 7 pm, Sat matinee at 2 pm on 9/25 & 10/9, Thurs matinee at 2 pm on 9/30 & 10/14. Play closes 10/22 at 8 pm. Tix $20-32.50. Info/res: (510) 845-4700. Berkeley Rep Theatre, 2025 Addison St at Shattuck, Berkeley.

Playboy of the Western World by JM Synge. One of the masterpieces of Irish theater, first performed in 1907 (resulting in an audience riot), play is a great comic brawl, relating the story of Playboy's passage to manhood & the miraculous scrapes he maneuvers along the way. Tour de Force Theatre Co. at the Plough & the Stars, 116 Clement St, SF. Runs 2:30 and 8 pm on Mon thru 9/27. Tix $15 includes one beverage.

A Celebration of Israeli & Jewish American Women Composers opens the Women's Philharmonic season. See Oct 2 for info.

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Candide, Leonard Bernstein's masterpiece based on Voltaire's classic satire of mindless optimism. Diablo Light Opera Co production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 pm, thru 10/9. Tix $18.50 gen'l, $16 stdnts & srs. Info/res: (510) 943-SHOW. Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek.

Love, Sex & the IRS by Van Zandt & Millmore. When two male roommates file their tax returns as a married couple they set off an outrageous series of events & frantic antics. Menlo Players Guild production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm thru 10/2. Tix $12 gen'l, $8 stdnts & srs on Fri & Sat; $10 gen'l, $7 stdnts & srs on Thurs & Sun. Burgess Theater, 601 Laurel St, Menlo Park. Res: 329-2623.

Theatre Flamenco opens a new season of Spanish dance with a concert at SF State University's McKenna Theater. Thurs-Sat thru 9/25 at 8 pm, 9/26 at 2 pm. Tix $18 gen'l, $12 stdnts & srs. $16 includes special champagne gala on 9/25. Info/res: 392-4400.

Rude Awakenings, three one-act plays for our time, by Ellen George, Gavin Impett & Daniel Curzon. Above Board Theatre production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, thru 10/9. Tix $5. Info/res: 206-0106. Clara Studio, 200 Clara St (nr 5th & Harrison), SF.

Arthur & Leila by Cherylene Lee. Leila Chin-Abernathy is a pillar in the Chinese American community with a successful husband, wealth, prestige, and just one problem—a blackmailing older brother. Play presents a humorous & delicate rendering of an odd yet symbiotic relationship between an aging brother & sister in search of their family legacy. Brava! For Women in the Arts production. Previews 10/27 & 29, opens 10/30, runs Wed-Sun thru 11/21 at 8 pm, 2 pm Sun. Bayfront Theatre, Bldg B, Ft Mason Center, SF. Info/res: 776-8999. Tix $11-15.

Pageant, off-Broadway musical spoof of a beauty contest, produced by Alyssia & Audrey DiFilippo, continues its SF run at Post Street Palace Theatre, 450 Post St, SF. Play follows six finalists in the Miss Glamouresse Beauty Contest—Miss Industrial Northwest, Miss Bible Belt, Miss Texas, Miss Deep South, Miss West Coast and Miss Great Plains—as they attempt to qualify in evening gown, swimsuit & talent competition. Runs Tues-Thurs at 8:30 pm, Fri & Sat at 7 & 10 pm, Sun at 3 & 8 pm. Info/res: 989-SHOW.

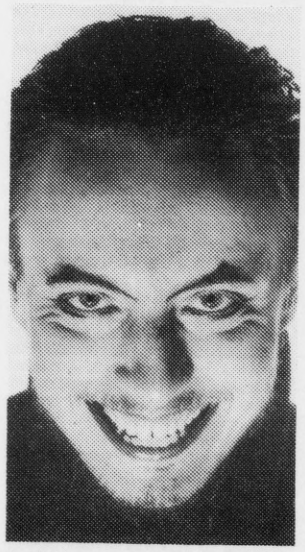
City of Angels, hilarious musical comedy with lyrics by David Zippel, music by Cy Coleman, book by Larry Gelbart. Palo Alto Players production. Runs Wed-Sat at 8 pm, thru 10/2. Tix $16-18. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Info/res: 329-2623.

Solo Mio 4: Acclaimed festival of renowned & emerging solo performance artists, runs thru 10/17 at Cowell Theatre, Ft Mason Center, SF; Magic Theatre/Northside, Ft Mason Ctr Bldg D, SF and Climate Theatre, 252 9th St, SF. Tix range from $8-22, call City Box Office for info/res: 392-4400. All listed events are at 8 pm. **Cowell Theatre Schedule—10/13-17:** Spalding Gray brings his latest monologue, "Gray's Anatomy" to the Cowell. **9/23-26, 10/7-10:** Josh Kornbluth ("Red Diaper Baby") presents a new monologue about calculus, "The Mathematics of Change." **9/30-10/3 at 8 pm:** Annie Sprinkle, porn star-turned-performance artist, presents "Post Post Porn Modernist," a work charting her evolution from middle-class West Coast Jewish girl Ellen Steinberg to sex industry professional to sexual performance artist. **Magic Theatre/Northside Schedule—thru 9/26:** Marga Gomez performs her acclaimed monologue, "Memory Tricks," a poignant reflection on her eccentric upbringing in Harlem. **10/1-3:** Anne Galjour reprises her acclaimed show, "Hurricane." **Climate Theatre Schedule—thru 9/25:** Gay Latino performance artist Luis Alfaro presents "Speaking in Tongues," a one-man, multi-character, multi-cultural look at walking the line between the macho Latino world and the world of a gay man. **9/29-10/2:** Ernesto Ravetto presents "La Perla," a tale about contemporary Latin America. **10/6-9:** Amy Hill's "Beside Myself," explores coming to grips with a multiethnic background. Hill was born poor to a Japanse war-bride mother & a Finnish American father, and raised among upper middle class European Americans. **10/13-16:** Corey Fischer & Nina Wise present "Unforseen—Improvisations with Corey Fischer & Nina Wise."

Cafe by Rebecca Lowe. Women, time travel & relativity meet mystical soup & marvelous coffee as seven women from past & present cultures gain clear perspectives to carry back to their own times. An exploration of the struggles of bisexuality, rape, suicide, slavery, Jews & Palestinians. Produced by GrayRebel Productions. Runs Fri & Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 7:30 pm, 10/1-17. Studio 210, Old Sears Bldg, 3435 Army at Valencia St, SF. Tix $10. Info/res: 267-7687.

Eleemosynary by Lee Blessing. A funny, haunting play, the story of three archetypal women, their generational conflicts & the mythic forces that unite them. Theatre Valentine production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, thru 10/2. Tix $9.95. Info/res: 267-7616.

Lost Musicals Concert Series produced by 42nd Street Moon: Fall season opens with Cole Porter & Herb Fields' **Fifty Million Frenchmen**, Jerome Kern & Oscar Hammerstein's **Sweet Adeline** and Cole Porter's **DuBarry Was a Lady**. *Frenchmen* opens 10/8 & plays thru 10/17; *Adeline* plays 10/22-31; *DuBarry* plays 11/5-14. For showtimes, tix and other info call 861-8972. New Conservatory Theatre, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF.



A Midsummer's Night Dream by William Shakespeare. Shakespeare's best-loved comedy performed by an outrageous cast of 35! Shakespeare & Co production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, 10/7-11/13. Tix $15. First Congregational Church, Post & Mason Sts (one block from Union Square), SF. Info/res: 267-6165.

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Rhinoceros by Eugene Ionesco. Tragic & hilarious absurdist fable dealing with what happens as the inhabitants of an entire town are transformed into rhinos. An allegory alluding to the rise of fascism & the dangers of conformity. Open Egg Theatre production. Previews 9/28-30, runs 10/1-31. For tix & other info call 673-1172.

Fortinbras by Lee Blessing. Hilarious comedy that begins with the final scene of *Hamlet* and weaves a comic web of suppositions about what might have happened if the Prince of Denmark had been succeeded by refugees from a Marx Brothers movie. Actors Theatre of SF production. Opens 10/1, runs Wed-Sat at 8 pm open-ended. 2 pm Sun matinee on 10/10, 17, 23 & 31. Tix $16 Fri & Sat eves, $14 all other performances. Previews 9/24, 25, 29 & 30 at 8 pm, tix $10. Actors Theatre, 533 Sutter St, SF. Info/res: 296-9182.

Cops by Terry Curtis Fox. Gritty urban street tale of three Chicago policemen who stumble upon their worst fears—themselves. Play set during the period when the Chicago police force was disproportionately white and subject to numerous civil rights actions. Sto'm Comin' Productions. Play has a 3-week run at New Conservatory Theater, beginning 9/24. Fri & Sat at 8 pm, Sun matinees at 3 pm. Tix $10. Info 626-3295.

Augustino Dance Theater presents a series of original pieces dealing with diverse cultural roots and the uprootedness of American culture and life. Fri-Sun at 8 pm, 10/8-10 at Open Arts circle, 530 East 8th St at 6th Ave, Oakl. Info/res: (510) 832-4521.

Delicate Pin Stripes by Mae Meidav. Uses humor, passion & feminist sensibility to reveal a bittersweet vision of a "desperate search for affection in a cold world, a search always translated into sexual desire, no matter how misguided." Subterranean Shakespeare production. Play opens 10/7, runs Thurs-Sat in October, closing 10/30. Previews 9/23 & 30 and 10/4. 8 pm. Laval's Subterranean Theater, 1834 Euclid Ave, Berkeley. Info/res: (510) 540-7743. Tix $10 gen'l, $6 stdnts & srs. $5 previews.

Light/Lite (Licht/Leicht) (Luz/Ligera), a search for "light" in the vacuum of "lite," a performance by the International Terra Nova Project '93, addressing relevant social issues thru a broad range of media. Runs 9/23-26, 7:30 pm-midnight, at Noh Space, 2840 Mariposa St, SF. Tix $10 gen'l, $8 stdnts & srs. Info/res: 621-7978.

The Experiment by Peter Owen Krause. Two-act black comedy about domination & responsibility. Set in a cruel institution, conflict revolves around a tormented doctor's struggle with the question of whether to save himself or the stripped & bound young woman on whom he must perform unknown experiments. No Budget Theater Co. production. Runs Thurs-Sun at 8:30 pm, 10/9-30. The Fifth Floor Theater, 300 Brannan St at 2nd, SF. Info/res: 495-5362. Tix $7-10 SL, no one turned away for lack of funds. Previews 10/7 & 8, $5.

You Could Be Home Now by Ann Magnuson. Bizarre & funny memoir of life in Charleston, West Virginia, a "psychedelic 'Our Town' ". Runs Tues-Sun at 8 pm thru 10/3. Alcazar Theatre, 850 Geary St, SF. Tix at BASS.

Crazy for You, Tony Award-winning Gershwin musical, a 1930s fast-paced play in Broadway's boy-gets-girl tradition, with everyone in love with the wrong person. Play runs thru 10/16 at Golden Gate Theatre, 1 Taylor St (Market & Golden Gate Ave), SF. Info/res: (415) 776-1999 or (510) 762-BASS.

We Were Dancing and **Red Peppers** by Noel Coward. The Noel Coward players perform two one-act plays from Coward's "Tonight at 8:30". Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, 9/23-10/23. Tix $10 gen'l, $8 stdnts & srs. Ft Mason Center, Bldg C, SF. Info/res: 346-5550.

Man's Best Friend by Joe Tramontana. Produced by Thumbnail Productions. Moving drama uses dark humor to explore the differing reactions of a brother & sister to the allure of Hollywood success. Runs Thrus-Sat at 8 pm thru 10/16. Above Brainwash Theater, 1126 Folsom St btwn 7th & 8th, SF. Info/res: 986-4919.

Thee Ways Home, A Tale of Harlem by Casey Kurtti. Play explores the dysfunction & trauma of inner city life as seen by a white liberal, an African American single mother, and her troubled son. UC Berkeley Dept of Dramatic Art production. Play runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm 10/7-9, Sun 10/10 at 2 pm, Thurs-Sat 10/14-16 at 8 pm, sun 10/17 at 2 pm. Tix $10 gen'l, $6 stdnts & srs. Zellerbach Playhouse, UC Berkeley campus. Info/res: (510) 642-9988.

Cages written & performed by Robin Karfo. A synthesis of live theater, video & music. 9/23 preview, $5, 9/24 benefit bash, $20-50, play runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm thru 10/17, $10. Intersection for the Arts, 446 Valencia St, SF. Info/res: 626-3311.

Mark Peters & Madame! A celebration of Madame's 75th birthday. She returns to the stage with her individual repartee courtesty of her new voice, Mark Peters. New Conservatory Theatre production. Runs Thurs at 8 pm, Fri & Sat at 7:30 & 9:30 pm, Sun at 3 pm, 10/7-24. New Conservatory Theatre Center, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Lower level. Tix $12 Thurs & Sun, $15 Fri & Sat. Info/res: 861-8972.

How the Other Half Loves by Alan Ayckbourn. Comedy previews 10/8-10 at 8 pm, $10. Opens 10/15, runs Fri & Sat at 8 pm, $14, Sun at 8 pm, $10, thru 11/21. Phoenix Theatre, 301 8th St, SF. Info/res: 621-4423.

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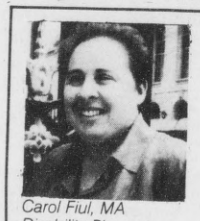

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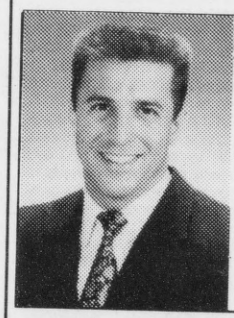

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ACT UP/SF meets Thurs, 7:30 pm, at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Direct action & civil disobedience to end the AIDS epidemic & the injustices around it. Call 621-0291 for info. WA.

ACT-UP/Golden Gate meets Tues at 7 pm at 590 Castro St, Ste B (2nd level, call ahead if you need special assistance), SF. Info: 241-8800 or FAX 252-9277.

PISD (People with Immune System Disorder), a caucus of ACT UP, for all people with immune disorders. Call 563-0724 for info.

ACT-UP Eastbay meets Wed 7:30 pm. First Unitarian Church of Oakl, 14th & Castro, Oakl (3 blocks west of City Ctr BART Station). Info: (510) 836-4401.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Provides nighttime emotional support for people concerned about AIDS or HIV infection. Run by SF Suicide Prevention, the Nightline is staffed by trained volunteers, 5 pm-5 am every night. Call 668-2437 or 1-(800) 273-2437.

AIDS Trials at NIAD/NIH: the National Institutes of Health recruits volunteers for inpatient & outpatient studies of new drugs & vaccines. For info call 1-800-243-7644. If you're accepted & enroll in a study, all travel expenses, & medical care provided at NIH, is free.

Directory: HIV Clinical Trials *in the Bay Area*, a directory published & distributed by the Community Consortium. The goal of this directory is to make it easier for people with HIV disease to enter drug trails. It provides up-to-date, easily understood descriptions of currently available trials for people with HIV & their caregivers. Also answers basic questions about clinical trials & lists trial requirements & purposes. Updated 3 times a year. Free. For more info or to get a copy, call 476-9554.

The City of Berkeley offers free, anonymous blood-testing for the HIV virus at South Berkeley Women's Community Health Center, South Berkeley Community Church, 1802 Fairview St (enter at Ellis), Berkeley. Thurs 1-3:30 pm. Drop-in. For more info call (510) 644-8571 or (510) 601-8282 on Thurs.

AIDS Emergency Fund: A volunteer-run, community-funded agency that provides emergency financial aid to low-income persons with AIDS/disabling HIV disease in the 9 Bay Area counties. Info: 558-6999. 1540 Market St, #320, SF 94102.

Women's Support Group: open to any women diagnosed with AIDS. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

Youth & Children's Groups: ongoing support for those diagnosed, & for children of people with AIDS, divided by age categories. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives: Offers several support group for adolescents & young adults dealing with HIV. Group helps minimize the stress felt among young people who are HIV+. Free. Spons by AIDS Health Project. For mtg locations, times & other info call Julie Graham 386-4615 or Scott Walker 206-3157.

The Brothers Network is an African-American organization providing free emotional support for HIV + gay & bisexual men. Support groups include a Tues eve drop-in, peer counseling and ongoing African-American specific groups. Info: 749-6714. FAX 749-6706.

Men of African Descent: Support Group for men of African descent with disabling HIV disease or AIDS. Safe, confidential place to talk about HIV issues, come together & share experiences with other men of African descent, discuss treatment options, support service access & many other topics. Group meets Wed eves, 6-7:30 pm at 18th Street Services, 217 Church St at Market, SF. Spons by the Client Services Dept, SF AIDS Foundation. Info: 864-5855.

Rafiki Services Project provides practical & emotional support volunteer training; and services specifically geared toward African-American people with AIDS & HIV-related illnesses. For info call 346-5860.

Marin AIDS Project Emotional & practical support for persons with AIDS/HIV & their loved ones. Outreach & education. Info: 457-2487.

ARC/AIDS Drop-In Group for men with AIDS-related conditions or symptomatic HIV disease. Support, info, stress management. Thurs 6-8 pm. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Free. No adv reg required. Info: 626-7000.

HIV+ Drop-in Group for men testing positive. Wkly mtgs, 6-8 pm, free. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

HIV Dual Diagnosis Program spons by Operation Concern: Provides intake, assessment, psychiatric consultation & monitoring, counseling & psychotherapy, case management & referrals, for HIV positive lesbians & gay men whose diagnoses are complicated by psychiatric disorders and/or substance abuse. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Health Project offers prevention programs; mental health, substance abuse & antibody counseling; AIDS health professional training program & a guide to AIDS Research. Info: 1855 Folsom St, Ste 506, SF. 476-6430.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC meet in Oakl. Info: AIDS Project of the Eastbay (510) 420-8181.

Kaiser-San Francisco offers several HIV drop-in support groups: asymptomatic HIV, symptomatic HIV, AIDS, caregivers, women with HIV, multiple loss, HIV-negative men. For more info call Melissa Farley 202-2292.

Kaiser Oakland offers support & education groups on a variety of HIV issues. (HIV-positive gay men's group, HIV-positive women's group, public education forum, couples, family & friends HIV support group, potluck socials). All groups meet 6:30-8 pm. For days & other info call Marsha Blachman, LCSW (510) 596-6337. Childcare is available for some groups. For info on the monthly HIV forum call Joe Di Milia, HIV Health Educator, at 596-6848.

Kaiser Patients Advocacy Union (KPAU): consumer activist group assists HIV-positive Kaiser patients, family & friends who are having problems with medical care & services at Kaiser. Newsletter, mtgs, confidential hotline, & lobbying—call 621-3409.

SF AIDS Foundation Client Services Dept provides a variety of direct services for persons with AIDS & ARC: financial benefits counseling, info & referral, advocacy, women's & people of color services, emergency housing, food bank & more. For info call 864-5855.

Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network: counseling & in-home care for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Also support groups. Info: Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network, POB 1599, Guerneville, CA 95446; or call (707) 887-1581.

Valley of the Moon AIDS Project offers free, bimonthly support groups for people living with AIDS/HIV, and their friends & family. 1st & 3rd Tues of each month, 7-8:30 pm at Sonoma Vintage House, 264 First Street East, Sonoma (rooms 111 & 113) Info: David (707) 938-3765 or Sheana (707) 935-6260.

The AIDS/ARC Blood Fund for people with AIDS is available by calling the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Demo Club's Blood Fund Coordinator, 863-6761.

Project Open Hand delivers hot meals & groceries to people with AIDS or disabling HIV disease in SF, Oakl & Berk. Food Bank at Church & Duboce, SF, provides groceries only. No one refused service because of inability to pay. A letter of diagnosis/referral is all that's necesssary to receive service. Info: (415) 558-0600 or (510) 548-8909.

The Family Link provides housing for friends & family of people with AIDS who are visiting from outside the Bay Area. Info: 346-0770.

ARIS Project: emotional, practical wkly support groups for people w/AIDS, ARC, HIV pos., & their loved ones. Also volunteer training. Call (408) 370-3272.

Contra Costa County AIDS Program: County government program. Offers community support groups & education. 597 Center Ave, Ste 200, Martinez, CA 94553. For info or to volunteer: (510) 313-6770.

AIDS Project of Contra Costa offers emotional & practical support to people with AIDS/ARC, their families & loved ones. Support groups, outreach, education & volunteer training opportunities. Info: (510) 356-AIDS. 2280 Diamond Blvd, Concord 94520.

San Mateo County AIDS Program provides HIV prevention services, testing & counseling, early intervention, primary care, social services, support groups, a drop-in center for people with HIV and clinical trials. Safer Sex Patrol volunteers do gay outreach. Multicultural. 3700 Edison St, San Mateo. Info: 573-2588, Mon-Fri, 8 am-5 pm. Volunteers are welcome!

AIDS Ministry of MCC-SF: provides support to persons with AIDS & other life-threatening & chronic illnesses, their family & friends. Support groups, monthly potlucks dinners, healing services, spiritually-based training for caretakers & more. Info: 863-4434. 150 Eureka St, SF.

PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support) provides direct services so people with AIDS/ARC can keep their pets. Also places pets in foster & permanent homes as needed. Info: 824-4040.

SHARE (Special Human & Animal Relationships) program of Marin Humane Society offers services to Marin County PWAs with pets. Info: 883-4621.

The Godfather Service Fund: provides care packages (toiletry, bathrobes, slippers & teddy bear) to people with AIDS/ARC/HIV+ in 12 SF hospitals. To volunteer or make contributions call 565-4433 or write 584 Castro St #225, SF 94114.

Health Center#1 offers an evening clinic for people who are HIV positive or have AIDS or AIDS-related conditions, and find it difficult to go the doctor during the daytime. Clinic serves the Mission, Castro/Eureka Valley, Potrero Hill, Glen Park, Diamond Heights, Noe Valley, Monterey and South of Market areas of SF. Bilingual, multicultural staff, sensitive to the needs of women with HIV. 3850 17th St, SF. Info/appt: 554-9750.

Shanti Project offers emotional, practical & residential support to people with AIDS, their friends, families & loved ones. 525 Howard St, SF. PWA Support Groups: daytime—Tues, Thurs, Fri; eves—Tues, Wed, Thurs. Friends, Family & Lovers Support Group: Wed & Thurs eves; Coping with Loss & Grief Support Group—Thurs eve. For info/location, or to volunteer as an emotional or practical support counselor (training provided) call 777-CARE.

Ellipse-Peninsula AIDS Services offers 1-1 & group emotional support for persons with AIDS & ARC, their families & significant others. Also info/referrals; case management/coordination & attendant care services. Extensive volunteer activities available. Info: 572-9702.

AIDS Interfaith Support Committee of Sonoma County: persons of any faith tradition welcome (707) 762-0107.

AIDS Interfaith Network of the Eastbay: monthly healing services. 2nd Sun, 3 pm, Lake Merritt United Methodist Church, 3755 13th St at Park, Oakl. Info: (510) 523-5011.

AIDS Interfaith of Marin: Diverse group of clergly & spiritual seekers who serve persons with AIDS, their families, friends, loved ones & caregivers. Info: Rev Dave Martin 457-1129 or write to 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, #12, San Anselmo, 94960.

The Center for AIDS Services provides compassionate support services for perople with AIDS/ARC/HIV & their caregivers in Alameda County. Day Center (meals, housing referrals, therapeutic massage, social activities, laundry & shower facilities, support group & van transportation); Counseling (advocacy, referrals, in-depth psychotherapy); Volunteer Services (provide assistance with cooking, cleaning, shopping, transportation, etc); Food Bank (groceries & nutritional supplements). 5720 Shattuck Ave, Oakl 94609. (510) 655-3435.

Van Transportation Program for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in Alameda County. Transport to & from healthcare appts. Info: The Center (510) 655-3435.

Interreligious Coalition on AIDS, a network of AIDS caregivers from the SF religious community, offers a directory of AIDS-sensitive clergy from a diverse range of religious traditions and ethnic backgrounds. Info: Bob Nelson 558-7066.

Kairos Support for Caregivers: Offers groups, grief support & resource materials for partners, spouses, friends & family members of persons affected by HIV/AIDS. Intro sessions Thurs 7:30 pm. Weekly open house Fri 5-7 pm. Everyone welcome! 114 Douglass St, SF. Info: 861-0877.

Home Care Companions, Inc offers free home care skills workshops for PWAs, their partners, family & friends. Get practical advice needed to help manage HIV disease at home. Licensed professionals teach the basics in a frank, positive atmosphere. The 5-evening course is offered monthly. Info/res: Celi Adams, RN 824-3269.

AIDS Project of the East Bay sponsors support groups throughout the Bay Area for people with AIDS/ARC. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents Support Group: for parents of children living with AIDS/ARC. Open to parents with children of any age, facilitated by two parents of a person with AIDS. Issues that arise for parents can be difficult to deal with alone, come talk to other parents who've been there. Oakland location. Spons by AIDS Project of the East Bay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents & Family Support Group: wkly drop-in group gives support to families of origin of people with AIDS. Wed 7-9 pm at Coming Home Hospice, 115 Diamond St, SF. Spons by Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF. Info: Gail Bigelow 861-8705.

Lovers, Friends, & Family of People with AIDS/ARC Group meets in Berkeley. Mon 6-8 pm. Info: AIDS Project of the East Bay (510) 834-8181.

Project Inform: Provides info on available treatments for HIV/AIDS (both experimental & FDA-approved), and conducts advocacy work on public policy issues affecting treatment access. Services include national toll-free hotline; fact sheets & bulletins; and more. 1965 Market St, Ste 220, SF 94103. Call (415) 558-9051 or (800) 334-7422.

Treatment Action Network (TAN): grass-roots advocacy group launched by Project Inform. TAN is a nat'l network of activists who contact elected officials, govt administrators & drug companies to lobby for critical HIV treatment & research issues. For more info & action updates, call (415) 558-9051 in SF or (800) 334-7422 in Calif, (800) 822-7422 elsewhere in the US.

SF Public Library for the Blind & Print Handicapped offers audio tapes & records to SF residents who can't read print due to physical illness or disability. Unabridged reading material & the equipment needed to play it provided free. All exchanges can be done by mail. Info: 558-5035.

Couples Group for people with AIDS & their partners. Deal with improving communication, problem-solving & other relationship issues. 6 wk groups start every other month. For info call AIDS Health Project 476-6430

Couples Support Group spons by Shanti Project. A group for couples where one or more partners has AIDS. Info: 777-CARE.

Berkeley HIV + Support Group: free, confidential, professionally-facilitated group meets wkly in eves. Limited membership. Low-cost individual counseling also available for PWA/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: Pacific Ctr (510) 841-6224.

HIV-positive/ AIDS Support Groups spons by Project Eden. Groups for PWAs, HIV-positive people, their lovers, friends & families. A safe place to share feelings. Mon & Wed. Info: (510) 887-0566.

Men's Couples Group: focus on the stress of coping with a partners' illness or anxieties. Mon eves, 7:30-9 pm, free. Spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Lovers, Family & Friends of People with AIDS/ARC. Operation Concern's AIDS Family Project offers individual, couple & family counseling; plus support groups for the loved ones of people with AIDS/ARC. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: assists persons with AIDS, ARC or serious HIV infection on a wide range of legal problems, including wills & powers of attorney, housing difficulties, government benefits, employment programs & other issues. Services are free or reduced fee. Call 291-5454.

Insurance/Employee Benefits Legal Clinic for people with HIV infection. Free 45 min consultation with a lawyer to address your insurance questions or problems. Every Thurs, 6:15-8:30 pm. By appointment only, call the AIDS Legal Referral Panel: 291-5454.

Bankruptcy/Creditor Problems Legal Clinic for People with HIV Infection: Free presentation by a bankruptcy lawyer concerning how to handle creditor problems, plus free one-on-one consultation. 2nd Wed of every month, 6:30-8:30 pm, at the Gazebo, Davies Medical Center, Castro & Duboce, SF. Info/reg: AIDS Legal Referral Panel 291-5454.

Peter Claver Community offers housing to persons with AIDS or ARC who are homeless or unable to secure stable housing. Info: 563-9228. Spons by Catholic Charities AIDS/ARC program.

JFCS AIDS Project: Jewish Family & Childrens' Service offers services to Jewish people with AIDS & ARC, their loved ones & families: counseling, case management, PWA/PWARC support group looking at illness in a Jewish context, emergency financial assistance, meal delivery, practical support volunteers, & support for out-of-town family members. Also speakers' bureau. Coordinator: Jody Reiss 561-1241. 1600 Scott St, SF 94115.

Emergency Health Fund spons by Catholic Charities: provides funds for PWAS/PWARC with incomes of less than $1000/month, to help in emergency situations. Info: 864-7400, ask for the AIDS/ARC Division.

GAPA Community HIV Project: Spons by the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance, this group provides emotional & pratical support, including counseling, housekeeping, shopping, hospital & home visits, running errands, and preparing special meals. For more info contact Danny Yu 575-3939.

Group for Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men—Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Info: 554-9760.

Group for HIV+ Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men: Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by GAPA Community HIV Project. Call Paul 575-3933 for info.

Sex, Dating & Relationships: Ongoing group offered by GAPA Community HIV Project: For Asian or Pacific Islander gay/bisexual men who want to discuss these issues in an informal small-group setting. Group meets every 3rd Tues of the month at GCHP, 1841 Market ST, SF. 2nd floor. 7-9 pm. Info: Prescott 575-3939.

Asian American Communities Against AIDS: Provides counseling, referrals & case management services to the Asian/Pacific Islander communities in SF. Chinese, Pilipino, Japanese & Vietnamese individuals are encouraged to call & discuss issues around sex, substance abuse and HIV/AIDS. Free & confidential. Info: 563-0553.

Diablo Valley AIDS Ctr: the only drop-in center for people with AIDS in Contra Costa County. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-9 pm. Info: (510) 686-DVAC or write PO Box 139, Concord CA 94522.

Napa Valley AIDS Project provides education, support groups, benefits counseling, volunteer services & more for HIV + Napa County residents. Info: (707) 258-2437.

Ayurveda Health & Education Resources SF: Nonprofit provides restorative & adjunctive approaches to healthcare to relieve the imbalances & stress related to HIV infection. Info: 255-1928.

Qi Gong Instruction offered at low charge ($1 per class) to SF residents with HIV/AIDS by the American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine. Qi gong is a excercise/meditation practice from China which helps cultivate vitality & build endurance. Classe held Mon & Wed mornings, 11 am-noon at the ACTCM Community Clinic, 450 Connecticut St on Potrero Hill in SF. Instructor Charles Alston, LAc. Info/reg: 282-9603. Space limited.

Ongoing poetry workshop for HIV positive gay men. Thurs 3-5 pm. Info/location: Darrell 221-8779.

Stop AIDS Mtg for men 50 & older. Meet other gay & bisexual men your age at a free, one-time, informal meeting to talk about safe sex; confidentially share your feelings, ideas & knowledge about AIDS and the effect it is having on us. Meetings are pro-gay & sex-positive, and designed to show us that we can still carry on sexual relationships. Info/reg: 621-7177.

Pacific Center, Berkeley, offers several peer-support groups for people with HIV & AIDS. Call (510) 548-8283 for info.

The Immigrant HIV Assistance Project of the Bar Association of SF provides free legal assistance for HIV positive immigrants residing in SF who need help with their immigration cases. Call 267-0795 for more info.

The Healing Circle: Place for healing one's heart & spirit, especially for people with life-challenging illnesses such as AIDS & cancer, and for their friends & families. Focus is on love, support & being real. Group meets Thurs at 7:30 pm at the SF Center for Living, 4054 18th St, off Castro, SF.

Food for Thought: AIDS food program for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Free groceries, sundries. For info, or to volunteer or donate, write PO Box 1357, Guerneville, CA 95446 or call (707) 887-1647.

Gay Rescue Mission helps people with AIDS/HIV thru transitional housing, low-income shared housing resources, grocery bags, clothing, personal care items, referrals. For info call 863-0516, 9 am-5 pm, Mon-Fri.

The Living Room (Revival Inc): a social club for people with AIDS, ARC & HIV+ & for all who are concerned & care. Not a support group, not a bar, but an alternate social setting for those seeking a quality atmosphere. Wheelchair Accessible. 4035 18th St at Castro (next to Hot 'n Hunky). Call 252-1150 for hours & other info.

"Making Every Day Count"—Shanti's 5th awards dinner honors people who have helped fight AIDS. Pictured (from top left, clockwise): Bill Zerkle, Wayne Corbitt, Philip Denney, Wyndham Young, Jennifer Akfirat and John Marshall Chidester. All photos by Robin M. White.

STOP AIDS Mtgs for gay & bisexual men. Meet 12-15 other guys for a one-time, free, informal mtg to talk about safe sex, coping with the epidemic, & what you can do to help end it. Evenings & wkend mtgs. Call Randy or Buck at STOP AIDS Project for reg/info: 621-7177.

Healing Alternatives Foundation (HAF) maintains public HIV/AIDS Treatment & Resource Library. Also Buyer's Club offers substantial savings on products aimed at improving the health of PWAs/HIV+, including vitamins, minerals, herbals and more. Payment accepted thru AIDS Emergency Fund & Catholic Charities. Volunteers receive addt'l discounts on products. Hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm, Sat noon-5 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 626-2316.

American Indian AIDS Institute: Provides education & prevention as well as case management & practical support services for HIV + American Indians. Referrals are welcome. One-on-one mental health services available. 333 Valencia St #200, SF 94103. Call 626-7639.

In-Home Counseling Center provides counseling on a donation basis for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV. Info: 931-6151.

Federal Benefits Seminars: twice-monthly seminar spons by the Client Services Dept of SF AIDS Foundation, for federal employees with AIDS or ARC. Focus is on the benefits package available to federal employees who are currently employed, as well as those considering separation. The hour-long seminar is held 3rd Thurs of the month at 11 am & 4th Thurs at 5 pm, and is led by a rep from the Dept of Health & Human Services. At SF AIDS Fdn Client Services Office, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. 6th floor. Info/res: call the on-duty social worker 864-5855, pre-reg by phone is required.

Services for deaf & hearing impaired people infected with HIV: Offered by the UCSF Center on Deafness (UCCD). Mental health services, interpreting services and psychosocial support. Info: 476-7600 (TTY) or 476-4980 (voice).

The Hearing Society of the Bay Area provides services for people with hearing loss related to HIV infection. Group offers a hearing aid loan program, hearing loss & communication classes for people with HIV/AIDS, voc rehab, social work services, loans of assistive devices & other audiological services. Fees determined by income, ability to pay & eligibility for MediCal, Medicare or Dept of Rehab programs. Karen 693-5870 (voice), 834-1005 (TDD)

EACH (Early Advocacy & Care for HIV) provides info about HIV early intervention, HIV/AIDS treatments & clinical trials. One-on-one cosultations to help HIV-positive men with info, access & referrals to free medical care & other services. Spons by the Gay Men of Color Consortium for gay & bisexual men of all colors. 944 Market St, corner of Mason, SF. Ste 210. Info: 403-3800.

Tenderloin AIDS Resource Ctr: Serves the Tenderloin & South of Market communities. Info & referral, client advocacy, counseling, community education, case management, street outreach, support groups, assitance with the social service & health care system. Bilingual services available. (English/Spanish) services available. Free. Mon-Fri 9 am-5 pm. Info: 431-7476.

Lesbians with HIV: Individual psychotherapy & case management offered; groups & couples treatment available. Free. Spons by Operation Concern. For info call Miriam or Nan 252-6076.

Multi-Problem Drop-In Group for HIV positive men with substance use &/or mental health concerns at Operation Concern. Free. No reg necessary. 1853 Market St, SF. Tues 5:30-6:30 pm. Call 626-7000.

Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group meets at the Tenderloin AIDS Resource Center. Wed 1-3 pm. 187 Golden Gate Ave, SF. Info: Sheri 431-7476.

Santa Clara County HIV/AIDS Program provides medical evaluation, ongoing monitoring, treatment, benefits & nutritional counseling, case management & referrals at its Early Intervention Project. The Alternative Test Site provides free anonymous HIV antibody testing, with counseling & referral. 976 Lenzen Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 299-4151.

SF Dept of Social Services offers the In Home Supportive Services program (557-5251) to provide assistance so that people with AIDS may remain in their homes (those with their own caretakers may receive reimbursent); other programs offered include: General Assistance (call 558-1095 to avoid waiting in lines), AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children (557-5721), MediCal (863-9892 or 557-5676 if a home visit is needed) & Homeless (557-6201) programs. Adult Protective Services program (557-5230) offers aid to victims of abuse. The HIV Family Services program (557-5403) offers assistance to AFDC families affected by HIV. The Fragile Infant Care Program (557-5157) finds foster parents for infants with HIV infection or AIDS, and recruits foster parents for this program.

CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides support to the Latino community thru education, emotional & practical support; case management, client advocacy, counseling, support groups, social activities y mucho amor. All services bilingual, confidential & free. Bimonthly newsletter, "Impacto." 347 Dolores St #113, SF. Volunteers needed. Info: 255-2732.

Nutrition & HIV: Free, objective info. Send self, addressed, 52 cent stamped, 9"×6" envelope to Gustavo Wong, RD, POB 5681, Berkeley 94705-0681. Info: (510) 547-7893.

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr offers affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies, plus several methods of massage, for people living with HIV. Staff includes Western medical doctor & team of experienced HIV-certified acupuncturists & massage therapists. Hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 861-4964.

Castro Village Detox offers low-cost (based on ability to pay) acupuncture/herb detox therapy for alcohol/drug withdrawal for HIV-positive/PWA gay men. Info: Mark Denzin, LAc, 252-9040.

Pyramid Ridge Wellness Ctr: Scenic retreat focused on HIV healing. Offers private sessions & workshops. Uses effective energy technique that is non-invasive & non-biological. Fee based on ability to pay. Info: Carol Hannum (707) 869-0985.

Japanese American AIDS Project: Nihongo o hanasu nihonjin gay to lesbian no tame no AIDS ni kansuru soupan. Nihongo de dou 20 Japanese Community Youth Council, 1840 Sutter St, Ste 207, SF. Info: 563-0553.

Bayview-Hunter's Point Foundation offers free acupuncture & herbal treatment to people of color with HIV. Mon-Fri, 12:30-2:45 pm. 1625 Carroll St at 3rd, SF. Info: 822-8200.

HIV + Lesbian Support Group meets Mon 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. Free. WA.

Lesbian/Bisexual Women & their HIV+ Women Partners Couples Support Group meets alternating Thurs, 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. Free. WA.

Lesbian/Bisexual Women Partners of HIV+ Women Support Group meets alternating Thurs, 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. WA. Free.

HIV+ African American Women's Support Group spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services. Call 565-7683 for details. WA. Free.

Women's AIDS Network provides info, referrals & advocacy for women affected by HIV/AIDS and women service providers. Programs/services include speaker's bureau, educational resources developoent, special events & developing strategies for focusing HIV services & education toward women. Small emergency grants available to women with HIV/AIDS. Mtg held every first Tues of the month in SF. For details call voicemail 864-4376 ext 2007.

UCSF Positive Education Project conducts continuing education groups to help HIV positive gay men cope with the stress of living with HIV disease. If you T-cell count is btwn 200-500 call 597-9141.

AIDS Info BBS: Computerized info about treatments, studies, contacts, assistance & more. Periodical newsletters, newspaper articles & comments by and for PWA. 8-N-1, 24 hrs. 2400/1200 baud. Free since 7/25/85. Use modem to call (415) 626-1246.

Tai Chi Workout: Free to people with HIV. One hour of slow, therapeutic exercises based on the Chinese Tai Chi Chuan and Chi Kung forms. Relaxing, stress-reducing & invigorating. Supportive, no-push atmosphere. Meets Mon & Wed, 5:30-6:30 pm, 50 Oak St nr Van Ness & Market, SF. Info: Emilio 255-0265.

Free Acupuncture & Herbal Treatment Services offered by Bayview-Hunter's Point Foundation, thru funding provided by the Ryan White Care Grant. Free services offered to HIV positive people of color. Individuals with a history of substance abuse are also welcome. Services for people with other medical problems are available at nominal fee. 1625 Carroll St at 3rd, SF. Hrs: Mon-Fri, 7 am-2:45 pm. Info: 822-8200.

St Mary's Hospital & Med Center offers: HIV & AIDS support group for gay & bisexual men living with HIV disease; Tues 5:30-7 pm, free; led by two facilitators. Group discussion focuses on the emotional aspects of living with HIV disease and/or having AIDS, 3-month commitment required, call Korey Wong 750-4923 for interview/info. Support Groups for people who have lost a loved one to AIDS—eight-wk groups are open to everyone, call 750-5718 for info/reg.

Visual Aid: Artists for AIDS Relief provides vouchers for art supplies to professional artists with life-threatening illnesses. Vouchers are redeemable at participating Bay Area art & photo stores. Applicants must have a letter of diagnosis of AIDS or other life-threatening illnesses. Info: 391-9663.

Positive Resource, Inc: Nonprofit job referral service for people who are HIV positive. Organization provides a pool of skilled personnel to corporations, small businesses & individuals who require temporary & permanent employees. Info: Dori 928-1448.

The Respite Care Program of Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF (VNH) offers up to 250 hours of respite care services so that family caregivers may have a break from caregiving responsibilities. The program is supported by CARE Act ("Ryan White") funding, and there is no charge to clients who meet the eligibility criteria. Info: 861-6959 ext 554.

Hospice by the Bay is a certified provider of home health care & hospice services for persons with HIV/AIDS and other life-threatening illnesses. People may receive these services in their homes or in a skilled nursing facility. Those eligible for services are also provided with practical/emotional support volunteers & support groups. Call 673-2020 for more information.

Veterans with HIV: You're not alone! Join fellow vets for an evening support group, camping trips & other social activities—free! Group meets at the VA clinic in Oakland, nr 12th St BART Station and all the bus lines. Both Eastbay & SF vets are welcome, the staff is very gay/lesbian-friendly! Info: Mike Rankin, MD (510) 273-7331.

► ADDICTION RECOVERY

Iris Project (division of the Women's Institute for Mental Health) provides help for women wanting to achieve & maintain sobriety; and is one of the few agencies providing services specifically for lesbians. Groups include: early, middle & ongoing recovery; women of color; HIV + lesbians; lesbian relationships in later recovery; & an education group. Individual counseling provided. For info/intake appt call 864-2364. 333 Valencia St, SF. Ste 222.

Women's Alcoholism Ctr provides residential, outpatient & educational services for women, children & families. 2261 Bryant St, SF. Info: 282-8900.

AJIRA (Addicted Jews in Recovery Anonymous). Wkly mtgs for AA, NA & OA members at SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. For times & other info: Claire Silver 346-6040 ext 240.

Lesbians in Recovery meet once a month for fun & mutual support, call 664-1295 for info/location.

Henry Ohlhoff Programs (SF & Marin) provide treatment for substance abuse & eating disorders in environments that are sensitive to the needs of gay men, lesbians & bisexuals. Residential services available for men, outpatient services available for women, men, adolescents & families. Info: Men's residential—621-4388 (SF), 883-2494 (Novato); SF/Marin outpatient—221-3354.

Discover Your Right Livelihood Group: Talk about career goals & interests in a safe, anonymous 12-Step environment. DA/ACA Right Livelihood Meeting. 6:45 pm Mon at the Dry Dock, 2118 Greenwich St at Fillmore, SF. On the 22 Fillmore & the 43 Masonic Muni lines.

Castro Village Detox offers low-cost (based on ability to pay) services for people recovering from drugs and alcohol, see Health.

18th Street Services helps SF gay/bi men with alcohol/drug problems get clean & sober. Group/individual counseling. 217 Church St at Market, SF. Info: 861-4898.

Self-Mutilators Anonymous (SMA) of SF: Meets 1st & 3rd Sat of each month, 6:30-7:30 pm in the Castro. MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. This is a closed meeting, please call (707) 528-9216 for more info. SMA is a recovery program based on the 12 Steps.

Free Drop-in Groups for lesbians, gay men and bisexual women & men with alcohol and/or other drug problems. Drop-in group for women meets Mon, 7-8 pm; drop-in group for men meets Thurs, 7-8 pm. Info, support & referral for substance abuse problems. Spons by Operation Recovery (part of Operation Concern). 1853 Market St, SF. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 626-7000 TTY: 252-8376.

Operation Recovery (part of Operation Concern) provides individual & group counseling for lesbians, gay men & bisexual women & men with alcohol and/or other drug problems. People with other mental health problems, who are taking psychiatric medications, and/or living with HIV, are welcome. SL fee, no one denied services because of inability to pay. For info/intake appt: 626-7000. TTY: 252-8376. 1853 Market St, SF. WA.

► ARCHIVES

The Gay & Lesbian Historical Society of Northern California collects, preserves & disseminates materials related to local gay & lesbian experience. Also sponsors public programs & wkshops on lesbian/gay history. Info: 626-0980, or write: GLHSNC, PO Box 424280, SF, 94142. Hrs: Sat & Sun 2-5 pm, or by appt. You must call ahead before coming to Archives.

Lesbian & Gay Books & Magazines available at the Eureka Valley Harvey Milk Memorial Branch Library, 3555 16th St, SF. 3-wk loan. Hrs: Mon, Thurs, Fri 1-6 pm; Tues 10 am-6 pm; Wed 1-9 pm. Donations of lesbian & gay material, bequests or checks payable to the Gay & Lesbian Collection (SFPLGLC) are very welcome (and tax deductible). Info: 554-9445.

Women's Cancer Resource Ctr Library: Research & lending library contains books, periodicals and clipping files about cancer and women's health issues. Library will mail out info & answers questions over the phone. Hrs: Tues 2-5 pm, Wed 4-7 pm, Sat noon-4 pm. Info: (510) 548-9272. 3023 Shattuck Ave at Emerson, Berkeley.

DAIR (Documentation of AIDS Issues & Research) maintins a categorized collection of over 150,000 clippings from magazines, newspapers & other sources on AIDS & related subjects, from the 1970s to the present. Hrs: 11:30 am]4 pm Sat, and by appt. Info: 673-0862. Mailing address: 2336 Market St #33, SF 94114.

► BISEXUAL GROUPS

Bay Area Bisexual Network: Umbrella organization for bisexual groups, resources & people. Open to everyone, whether or not they consider themselves bisexuals. Info: 564-BABN.

Bay Area Bisexual Women's Network: A loose network of bi women's groups around the Bay Area who offer support/discussion groups, spons wkshops & organize women-only events & social activities. For newsletter listing social activities & events as well as dates, times & discussion topics for support groups, write S, the Editor, PO Box 9388, San Rafael 94912.

North American Multicultural Bisexual Network (NABN) acts as a clearinghouse for resources, AIDS info & political alerts. Focus on visibility, education, pride. For info contact NABN, 584 Castro St, #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.

Bisexual Women of Color Group: Social/support group for bisexual women. Lesbian women welcome. Info: 922-1021.

Bi Women's Support Group: Meet other bi women, talk & share experiences in an informal setting. Group meets 7-9 pm on the 1st, 2nd & 3rd Wed of each month, and 1-3 pm on the last Sun. Info/location: Ingrid 775-2620.

Bisexual Men of Color Group: Support group for bisexual men of color meets last Sun at 6:30 pm. For info/location call (510) 465-9671.

Bisexual Rap Group: Drop-in group for men & women interested in bisexuality. Warm, friendly people. Meets Sun 7-8:550 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Bi-Support Group at Pacific Center/Walnut Creek: 1250 Pine St, Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 939-7711.

BFSF (BiFriendly-SF): social group open to bisexuals & bifriendly others. BFSF meets 7 pm Mon at Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF for dinner & conversation with other bisexuals & friends. For confirmation, other activities/calendar: 648-6332.

Bi-Friendly UC: Rap & social group for all members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF community. Meets Wed, 6:30-8:30 pm. Location/info: (510) 642-6942. Spons by MBLGA (Multicultural Bisexual Lesbian & Gay Alliance). Wheelchair Accessible.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay: Call Betsy (510) 845-7441 for mtg location, time & other info.

Eastbay Bi Women's Social Group meets at the Tea Spot in Berkeley on Thurs, 7-9 pm. Info: Judith (510) 528-5331.

Bi-Friendly South Bay (BFSB) bisexual social group for men, women & bifriendly others in the South Bay/Peninsula area. Meets 2nd & 4th Mon of each month at Vicolo Pizzeria, 473 University Ave in Palo Alto at 7:30 pm. For info call 856-6901.

Side by Side peer support group for bisexual men & women in Sonoma County, meets every Wed in a safe, confidential & friendly environment. 7-7:30 social, followed by mtg till 9:30, with short social time after mtg. Focus on any issues brought up by those present, especially bisexual issues. New members welcome! Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.

Bi-Friendly Sonoma County: bisexual social/support group for men, women & bifriendly others in Sonoma/North Bay. Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.

Peninsula Bi-Guys group for men into male bonding, beach parties, massage, hot springs, houseboat trips, bicycling, hiking, dining out, theater, cards, games & great conversation. Info: Roger 369-1610 or PO Box 610071, Redwood City, 94061.

Women's Bisexual Network of Santa Cruz & Greater Monterey Bay Area: Support & discussion group welcomes any bisexual, questioning or bi-friendly woman. Mtgs 2nd & 4th Thurs of each month, 7-9 pm, followed by social at a local cafe. New participants are asked to attend the 2nd Thurs meeting. $3-5 donation requested. Quarterly network listings available, send SASE to BiNet, PO Box 934, Santa Cruz, 95061-0934. For location/info call (408) 427-4556.

Goddess-Oriented Bisexual Women's Social Group meets monthly. Info: 979-4023.

Marin Bisexual Social/Support Group meets in Central Marin on 1st & 3rd Wed of each month. Interested men & women are welcome. Info: Larry 454-5638.

Co-gender Bisexual Social Group for bisexual youth, spons by LYRIC. See Youth.

Bisexual Group meets every Wed eve, 7-9 pm in SF. Couples 30+ especially welcome. Info/location: 441-1866.

Jewish Bi's meet once per month for support/rap group. Alternate Eastbay/SF locations. Group does events for Jewish Bi's only, and also events for the entire Bi community & friends. Plus education on anti-Semitism & biphobia in the B/L/G communities and biphobia/homophobia education in the organized Jewish community. Info: Jim (415) 337-4566 or Susan (510) 528-7139.

Be sure to check the "social groups," "support groups" and "political" sections for related groups.

► CALL FOR ENTRIES

Gay & Lesbian GOP Anthology: Gay & lesbian Republicans are encouraged to submit essays for a forthcoming an-

Women's Cancer Resource Center

A place to gather strength and support for women with cancer, their friends, families and health practitioner.

3023 Shattuck Ave. Berkeley CA 94705 (510) 548-9272

CALL TO VOLUNTEER FOR PLANNING FOR SPECIAL EVENTS

(510) 548-WCRC

CURRENT SUPPORT GROUPS
(CALL FOR DATES AND TIMES)

- LESBIANS WITH CANCER (MEETS IN SAN FRANCISCO)
- DROP-IN FOR WOMEN WITH CANCER
- WOMEN EXPLORING ALTERNATIVES
- FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF PEOPLE WITH CANCER
- GRIEF SUPPORT (NEW GROUP FORMING)
- MULTIPLE MYELOMA GROUP

WCRC CANCER LIBRARY
CALL FOR HOURS

LYRIC activities & talkline

Are you 23 or younger?
Do you want to talk to other young people and find out what's going on?
call 863-3636
outside SF call 1-800-246-PRIDE
TDD# (415)431-8812

Here are some things happening at LYRIC:
-- An array of nine discussion groups focusing on various communities and issues
– Camping, hiking, biking, sports teams
– Movie nights
– Women's sex and health fair

For more information, call the talkline number (above) and see the Bay Times listings under youth. LYRIC activities are for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning youth 23 and under.

thology to be published by Alyson Publications in 1994. Anthology is being edited by Log Cabin Club president Rich Tafel. Personal stories, history, political perspectives & strategies are welcome. Send SASE to Rich Tafel, 21 Kirkland St, Cambridge, MA 02138. Deadline: 9/30. .

Queer Literary Review: New bi-annual art & literary publication focusing on queer life seeks line art, poems, commentary & short stories. 5 poems max per submission, short stories limited to 3000 words. Submit copies of artwork, not originals. Anonymous submissions allowed, but discouraged. Include SASE for return of work. Mail submissions to: QLR, PO Box 60931, Palo Alto 94306-0931. Deadline: 10/31.

The Next Step: Out from Under, Volume Two—Call for submissions from lesbians who are "old-timers" in recovery, for a new anthology focusing on lesbians in recovery from a variety of addictions, with a focus on later stage (eight-plus years) recovery. Any style/format and recovery program considered. Send SASE for guidelines to Jean Swallow, OFU2 Editor, 2404 California St #27, SF CA 94115. Deadline: 11/1.

Bearing the Unbearable: Stories of Losing Loved Ones to AIDS: Submissions sought for an anthology edited by Leslea Newman, to be published by Crossing Press. First person nonfiction narratives in prose & poetry sought. Send SASE for writers guidelines BEFORE sending manuscript to: Leslea Newman, Bearing the Unbearable, PO Box 815, Northampton, MA 01061. Deadline: 3/15/94.

Lesbian Sexual Abuse/Incest Survivors: Submissions and ideas sought for an anthology being produced on issues facing survivors. For details contact Lara Michelle at 165 Beaver St **#, SF 94114.**

Listen To This... seeks stories, photos, art or journal entries for an anthology of real-life coming out stories of lesbian, gay, bi or questioning young people. Confidentiality assured. Write: Listen To This... 2215-R Market St. Box 112, SF 94114 or call 641-5896.

► FUN & GAMES

UC Botanical Gardens: University of California-Berkeley Botanical Gardens feature 33 acres of native & exotic plants in educational & naturalized displays. Open daily, 9 am-4:45 pm. Free admission, free garden tours weekends at 1 pm. Centennial Drive above the UC Berkeley campus. Info: (510) 642-3343.

Game Night! 6-10 pm every Sat night at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Drop-in, free. Play cards, scrabble, boggle, trivial pursuit, pictionary, or any game you bring. Come meet friendly folks, have some fun! Info: (510) 548-8283.

Whiptail Lizard Lounge. Alternative Dyke Space offers fun & games, music, conversation, etc for women in an alcohol and smoke-free environment. For event schedule see Main Calendar listings. 4035 18th St, SF (one block from Castro).

Please check the "Hobbies" section for related groups.

► HEALTH

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr: Nonprofit clinic provides affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies: treatment for people living with HIV, chronic hepatitis, PMS, & other gynecological imbalances. Also offers Stop Smoking Clinic. Office hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6:30 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. Info: 861-4964.

American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine: professional teaching clinic offers Chinese herbal medicine, acupuncture, tui-na (Chinese physio-massage) & Chinese nutritional counseling. SL fee. MediCal accepted. 450 Connecticut St at 20th (on Potrero Hill), SF. Info: 282-9603.

Lyon-Martin Women's Health Sensitive primary health care for women by women, with emphasis on the health care needs of lesbians. Services include: gen'l medical care, gynecology, acupuncture, lesbian parenting, AIDS counseling & safe sex info (safe sex kits for women available). WA. SL. 1748 Market St nr Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info/appt: 565-7667.

Lesbian Clinic of the Berkeley Women's Health Collective provides personal, affordable health care by lesbian practitioners. Gen'l medicine & chiropratic care to evaluate health needs. Gynecological, gen'l medical & mental health services available. Also feminist therapy referrals. Call for appt: 843-6194. WA.

Charlotte Maxwell Complementary Clinic offers free acupuncture, herbs, homeopathy, massage & visualization to low-income women with cancer. Volunteers welcome. Info: (510) 601-7660.

Women's Cancer Resource Ctr: info, support, resource & advocacy ctr for Bay Area women with cancer, their friends, families & practitioners. Provides individual peer counseling & drop-in support groups, newsletter, educational programs, legal wkshops & more. For information on groups & programs offered call 548-9272 or 548-WCRC. 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley.

Environmental Health Network provides fre support, info, referrals & advocacy for people with multiple chemical sensitivities. Mtgs held 1st Thurs of each month. Info: 541-5075.

Gay Men's STD/VD Clinic: testing & treatment by & for gay men, free, every Sun 5:30-7 pm. HIV Antibody anonymous testing for women & men 12 or older, every Sun, 6-7 pm. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 644-0425 (non-voice TDD 548-8238 for disabled).

Berkeley Free Clinic offers free gen'l health, dental, counseling & information services, plus referrals. Also has women's health clinic by & for women. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 548-2570 (non-voice TDD 548-8238).

Planetree Health Resource Ctr: nonprofit ctr provides a place to go when you need more info about health or medical concerns. Get up-to-date medical info to assist you in making informed choices about your health. Ctr maintains extensive consumer health library, current medical lit clippings & health bookstore. Also support groups, health information service by mail, and more. 2040 Webster St, SF. Info: 923-3680.

Ayurveda Health & Education Resources of SF: Nonprofit center offers restorative & adjuctive approaches to health care by reducing imbalances caused by stress, environment or disease. Info: 255-1928.

of **The Healing Circle**. Begun as an HIV support group, the group has evolved into a space of healing & growth for all men & women. Meets every Thurs at 50 Brady St, SF. 8 pm. Info: David 241-9480.

Haight Ashbury Free Clinic Acupuncture Clinic provides acupuncture & Chinese herbal medicine as primary medical care, and for substance abuse recovery & detox. 60 Brady St, SF. Hrs: Mon-Thurs, 9 am-noon. Info: 863-1677.

Rainbow Clinic at UCSF provides pediatric care for children of gay & lesbian parents in a sensitive, caring environment. For info/appt call 476-4883.

The Wellness Community: A free program of hope, learning & friendship for adults with cancer, and their families. Offers support groups, workshops, resource library & social events. SF & Eastbay. Info: (510) 933-0107.

Castro Village Detox offers low-cost (based on ability to pay) acupuncture/herb detox theraphy for alcohol/drug withdrawal. Info: Mark Denzin, LAc, 252-9040.

► HOBBIES

Hortiphiles: a group for lesbians & gay men who enjoy growing plants. For info write PO Box 31, Palo Alto, 94301 or call 851-1022.

Phoebe Snow Society, int'l organization of gay rail fans. Gay men interested in trains, railroading & travel are welcome to join. Info: (510) 352-0301.

Single Lesbian Dogwalkers Group for single gay females with dog(s). Come meet others! Meet 1st & 3rd Sun at 11 as at Ft Funston, near the hang glider's bench. Info: Freddi 757-0142.

Gay Men's Sketch: informal drawing group for all skill levels. Classical nude modeling by gay male model in intimate home/studio setting. Tues, 7-9:30 pm. 1229 Folsom St, btwn 8th & 9th, SF. Call 621-6294 for reservations. Inquiries also accepted from men interested in modeling.

Greening the Mountain: Work party group for residents of the Castro, Haight & Buena Vista neighborhoods (everyone welcome). Group removes invasive shrubs & weedy plants on the Corona Heights hilltop (one of the last remaining native grasslands in SF). Meet last Sat of each month, 10 am-noon on the front steps of the Randall Museum, off Roosevelt Ave btwn 14th & 17th Sts. Bring work gloves, liquids & snacks. Info: Tom 252-0651.

Men's Nude Drawing Group. For men who like to draw the male form. Members of the group draw & pose for each other. Wed, 7-9 pm, free. Info/location: 626-8349.

Dark Shadows Society:. Monthly social gathering for fans & friends; celebrate the lives, times & deaths of Barnabas, Angelique & the rest of the Collins clan. Potluck, videos, fun. 8 pm. Call Neil 255-7672 for info/location.

Bondage Buddies Group: Bi-weekly parties of play & socializing for gay men into bondage, harddicks & fun s/m. Open to top/bottom and experienced/novices. Info: 292-3228.

Artspan Presents 1993 SF Open Studios, Oct 9-24 (see Galleries). Pictured: Fiber artist April Martin Chartrand, one of 640 artists who will open their private studios to the public. Photo by Stan Maletic.

Lavendar Winds Kite Club: Group for gay/lesbian kitefliers, and those with an interest in kites. Lavendar Winds Kite Club is a chapter of the American Kitefliers Association. For more info write Brian, PO Box 5118, #464, Fremont 94537 or call (510) 797-6997.

Dreamers & Dreamworkers Group for those interested in searching the creative power of dreams. Group of loyal friends meets regularly to share our dreams & help each other discuss the meaning of inner thoughts. Info: 584-1034.

Quicktricks, America's only accredited lesbian & gay bridge club, offers 8-wk series of classes for beginners (you can start at anytime). Call 641-4355 for info.

Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual International Folkdancing Group meets Tues, 7:30-9:30 at Eureka Valley Recreational Center on Collingwood St in the Castro, SF. Learn mostly line dances from Bulgaria, Macedonia, Israel, Canada, Scandanavia, etc. Beginners are welcome! No partner needed. Teaching 7:30-, dancing 8-9:30. Info: Jim 585-9784. Group is about evenly split, male & female.

Gay Macintosh Users Group meets every 4th Mon: 7 pm social, 7:30 pm program. Nonprofit. Everyone welcome! New Conservatory Theatre, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 552-GMUG.

Amazon Sewing Circle Stich & Bitch Group: For lesbians and gay men in the Eastbay. Info: Boadecia's Books, (510) 559-9184.

Fremont Gay Men's Bowling League: See Sports.

Women: Like to read? Talk about books? Come share an informal potluck and book discussion. Women's reading group meets monthly on Sundays. Info/location: Nancy 221-5623.

► HOTLINES AND REFERRALS

SF Sex Information. Switchboard: Mon-Fri, 3-9 pm. Info and referrals on all aspects of sexuality, for all ages & lifestyles. 621-7300.

SF Gender Information: Nonprofit service provides referrals & networking to transsexual & other members of the gender community in the SF/Bay Area & northern Calif. For listings ($3 fee) & other inquiries send SASE to: SFGI, PO Box 423602, SF CA 94142.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: Liz at WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

San Mateo Battered Women's Services offers a 24-hr hotline, individual counseling, support groups, legal assistance & shelter. Call 342-0850.

Battered Women's Alternatives: Eastbay resource for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Call (510) 676-2845.

Call CUAV (Community United Against Violence) to report harassment, hate violence, intimidation by neighbors or workmates. Counseling, advocacy, info & referrals offered. 24-hr hotline: 333-4357.

Gay Domestic Violence: info, peer counseling for gay & bisexual men who batter. Referrals for victims of battering. Spons by MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence). Info: 626-MOVE.

Battered Gay & Bisexual Men & Transgenders: 24-hr hotline, in-person counseling, restraining orders, support groups. Call CUAV 333-4357 (crisis) or 777-5500 (non-emergencey). Confidential.

Bay Area Lesbian/Gay Switchboard trained volunteers at Pacfic Ctr listen to your concerns. Also Bay Area & nationwide info—from sports, entertainment, rap groups, counseling, AIDS info. Services provided for the hearing impaired. Call (510) 841-6224.

Epicenter Switchboard: Free, nonprofit information & refferal service offered by Epicenter Zone. The switchboard provides social services information for SF and the Bay Area—healthcare, housing, youth services, legal aid, disabled needs, activists groups, employment, women's needs; lesbian, gay, bisexual & transgender services, crisis lines, parenting help, and much more. Hrs: Mon-Sat, noon-6 pm. Call 431-4600.

SF Rape Treatment Center: 24-hr hotline—206-3222. Call for crisis intervention, medical treatment, in-person counseling and optional legal evidence collection for adult survivors of sexual assault. SFRTC is a multicultural organization supportive of lesbian, gay, biseuxal and transgender people. All services are free and confidential.

Rape Crisis Center of Contra Costa & Marin: 24-hr crisis line for sexual assault & abuse survivors. Call (510) 236-7273, (510) 798-7273, (510) 439-7273 or (415) 924-2100.

SF AIDS Foundation Hotline: (Spanish/English) info & referral to SF & No Calif (800) FOR-AIDS, TDD 864-6606. Tagalog AIDS Hotline: 1-(800) FIL-AIDS (voice/TDD). Hrs: 9 am-9 pm Mon-Fri, 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: see AIDS Resources for details. Info: 291-5454.

Poison Control Central: 24 hr service. Over-the-phone help w/ poison emergencies. Call 476-6600.

SF Drug Line: support, info, referrals on drug problems/treatment. Call 752-3400.

Discriminated Against because of your sexual orientation? Contact SF Human Rights Commission, Lesbian/Gay Liaison Unit. There are local laws to protect you. Info: 252-2500.

Renters: Learn Your Rights! Old St. Mary's Housing Committee offers counseling & special clinics on various housing issues, including evictions, leases, etc. For info/appt: 398-0724.

SF Tenants Union: provides free walk-in or telephone counseling for members, walk-in only counseling for non-members. Call 282-6622 for info. 558 Capp St, SF.

Sentinel Fair Housing: nonprofit agency investigates complaints of housing discrimination & provides comprehensive housing counseling to residents of Northern Alameda County (also referrals for out-of-area persons). If you think you have been discriminated against, call (510) 836-2687 for help/info/referral.

ECHO Housing, a nonprofit housing agency in Alameda County, offers services to Alameda County residents including deposit & delinquent rent guarantees. (In northern Alameda County call the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) at (510) 836-4826, in southern Alameda County call RAP at (510) 581-9380). Echo also offers a county-wide homeseeking program, call (510) 581-9380 for details.

Senior Information Line: events & services available to seniors in SF, spons by SF Commission on Aging. Newsline: 552-6016. Anyone wishing to add an event should call 626-1033.

Eldercare Locator: Provides access to an extensive netowrk of organization sreving older people at state & local community levels. Call (800) 677-1116. Spons by the Nat'l Assoc of Area Agencies on Aging.

Neighbors Driving You Crazy? Community Boards can help—CB is a free, fast & effective dispute resolution service for SF residents with problems: renter/owner disputes, noise, pets, money disputes, family or housemate problems, etc. Call 239-6100 & get relief.

GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help developing a mutually-created & agreed upon solution to interpersonal, tenant/landlord, inter-and intra-group/agency and other disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Call 552-4135. 3543 18th St, Box 28, SF 94110.

Bay Area Bisexual Speakers Bureau: addresses all topics related to bisexuals. Speakers available. Call 564-2226.

SF Women Against Rape provides individual & group counseling for rape survivors; also does advocacy & educational work. Info: 647-RAPE. 3543 18th St, SF 94110.

Feminist Therapy Referral Project has provided psychotherapy referrals to Eastbay women therapists since 1971. SL fees & insurance are available, for info/appt, call (510) 843-2949.

California Youth Crisis Line provides the following services to young people who have run away from home, & to their parents: crisis intervention counseling, referrals to resource agencies & a neutral message center. For help call 800-843-5200.

Diamond Street Youth Shelter provides shelter to homeless kids in SF (see Youth). 536 Central Ave btwn Hayes & Grove: Bus lines: 21 Hayes or 5 Fulton. Free. Info: 567-1020.

Lesbian Adoptees: For information on available resources, contact Amy Jane Cheney, 647-1492.

Calif Lawyers for the Arts (CLA): nonprofit offers legal info & education to artists. Info: 775-7200.

The Calif Network of Self-Help Centers, spons by the Calif Dept of Mental Health, offers referrals to more than 3,500 free or low-cost support groups statewide (Alcoholics Anonymous, Co-dependents Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous, etc). For info call 1-(800) 222-LINK.

Breaking Walls, Building Bridges: Diablo Valley Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) BBS outreach service available. Forums, news, views, confidential mail. (510) 827-0804, 3/12/2400, 24 hrs. Sysop Deacon DVMCC.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Emotional support, gen'l info: 9 pm-5 am weekdays, 5 pm-5 am wkends. Call 668-2437 (English), 752-4866 (Spanish).

SF Suicide Prevention Crisis Line: 24 hrs, every day: 221-1423.

SF Youth Line: 752-2000

SF Drug Line: 752-3400.

Dial—A-Dyke: Free telephone bulletin board for women. Call (415) 241-1564 24 hrs a day.

La Raza Lawyer Referral Service (LRLS): Get consultation with an attorney experienced in the area of law you need. Info: 641-1069.

LYRIC Youth Talkine for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender & questioning youth (23 & under): Talk to other young people, get info on events & activities. SF: 863-3636. Bay Area: 1-(800)-246-PRIDE.

► INCEST AND BATTERY

Survivors of Incest, Anonymous: 12-step, self-help group meets Thurs, 6:00-7:45 pm at the Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph at Derby, Berkeley.

Ritual Abuse Survivors ACA Mtg: Women & men share all aspects of healing from ritual abuse. Sat at 1 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info.

Ritual Abuse Survivors Support Group for women who practice some form of Buddhist meditation as part of healing from RA. Meet monthly to sit, write, share. No writing experience necessary. Free. Info: (510) 534-9928.

SIA: Unrestricted discussion with main focus on ritual abuse. Group meets every Mon, 6-7:30 pm at Pacific Center. Mixed group, m/f. Info: Tina (510) 845-1801.

Lesbian Ritual Abuse Survivors Support Group meets weekly to share healing & support. Longterm group meets Wed eves. Free. Not a drop-in group. Call (510) 534-9928 for info.

Sexual Assault & Abuse Survivors offered individual therapy, support groups, legal advocacy & crisis line thru Rape Crisis Center of Contra Costa and Marin. Info: (510) 236-7273, (510) 798-7273, (510) 439-7273 or (415) 924-2100.

Partners of Survivors of Incest Anonymous: Support group for partners of incest survivors, ritual abuse survivors, and multiple personalities. Tues, 8-9:30 pm, free. Mandana House, 541 Mandana, Oakl. Info: (510) 839-8844.

Gay & Bisexual Men Who Batter: Are you feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love the most? MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence) provides assistance & support for change in a safe, confidential place. Info: 626-MOVE.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: 12-step fellowship for batterers, based on the principles of AA. Women-only mtg. Thurs 6:30-7:30 pm, Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF, 150 Eureka St, SF.

Support Group for Gay & Bisexual Men & Transgenders who are being emotionally, physically and/or sexually abused by their male partners. For info, call CUAV 777-5500. Confidential.

Support Group for Lesbians who are or have been in a battering relationship; SL. Info: Women Inc.: 864-4722.

Battered Women's Alternatives: An Eastbay resource offering services for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Support group, shelter, counseling, legal advocacy. Info: (510) 676-2845.

Battered Lesbian Outreach: offered by Sonoma County YWCA Women's Emergency Shelter Program. Info: (707) 546-1234. Call—you are not the only one.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

Peninsula Battered Lesbian & Bisexual Women Support Group: Free, confidential group offered by Support Network for Battered Women. Individual counseling & legal assistance also available. Info: Anne, Support Network for Battered Women, 940-7855.

Battered Lesbian Support Group for lesbian & bisexual women who have been physically, emotionally or sexually abused in their relationships. 8-wk group is focused on supporting women to begin the healing process & learn to have loving, safe relationships. Info/res: Alison McKenzie or Mary Lee Gates at Marin Abused Women's Services 457-2464.

La Casa de las Madres provides shelter for battered women & their children. Info: 777-1808.

Services for Battered Women: Counseling, referrals & support for women who have survived domestic violence. Free & bilingual (Eng/Span). Call Cristina at 552-2943 for info.

Servicios Para Mujueres Maltratadas: Consejo individual, recomendaciones a recursos comunitarios y apoyo para jujreres que han sobrevivido la violencia domestica. Servicios son gratuitos y bilingues esp/ing. Llame a Cristina a 552-2943 para mas informacion.

For more listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under **"Incest/Battery Therapy/Support Groups".**

► PARENTING & FAMILY RESOURCES

Prospective Queer Parents Group for lesbians & gay men seeking co-parenting or known donor situations. Call Leland (510) 841-4663 for more information.

Black Female Couples With Children Group meets for support, socializing & fun. Eastbay & SF locations. Single moms are welcome! Info: Erika or Elisha (510) 293-0711.

Lesbian Moms of Young Children/Babies: Interested in networking in the Eastbay. Come to potluck/brunch—call 540-7171 for details.

Lesbians with Babies Group meets in SF. For info/location: Paula 206-1170.

Southbay Gay Parents: an organization for gay fathers & lesbian mothers. Meets 3rd Sun of each month in the San Jose area for mutual support & for exploring parenting issues. For information call (408) 293-4525 for more info.

Ever Given Up A Child for Adoption? Ongoing support group for birthmothers: offers support for healing our losses, help in searching for our children. Info: 626-8124.

Adoption Support Groups for adult adoptees, birth parents & adoptive parents. Info: Post-Adoption Ctr for Education & Research (510) 935-6622.

Chain of Life: feminist adoption reform newsletter, supports open records & search & reunification of adoptees & birth families; critiques traditional adop-

tion practices. Edited by adoptee. For backlist/info send SASE to Chain of Life, PO Box 8081, Berkeley, CA 94707.
NOCIRC (Nat'l Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Ctrs) offers education, information & support about circumcision. Learn why circumcision is physically & emotionally damaging to children. Info: 488-9883.
GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help finding a mutually created and agreed upon solution to custody, property & other family disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Info: 552-4135. 3543 18th St, SF. Box 28, SF 94110.
Lesbian & Gay Parenting Program offered by Lyon Martin Clinic. Offers ongoing seminars, wkshops, small groups & forums for lesbians & gays thinking about parenting, and for lesbian & gay families; including 8-wk "Lesbians Considering Parenthood," and "Gay Men Considering Parenthood." Call Lyon-Martin 565-7674 for info.
The Rainbow Clinic at UCSF provides pediatric care for children of gay & lesbian parents, see Health.
Pregnant Now Group: Free group for lesbian singles/couples, who are pregnant now & want to meet for networking, support & fun. Info: Judy 821-9745.
Operation Concern offers psychotherapy for gay/lesbian families, families with gay/lesbian children (any age), blended families and mixed orientation couples. Call Saralie Pennington at 626-7000 ext 173 to schedule an appt.
Be sure to check the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under "Parenting" and the Parents & Kidsbox for other parenting services/info.

► PEOPLE OF COLOR

Black & White Men Together Rap/Socials: every Sat at 1350 Waller St nr Masonic, SF. Rap 6:30-9 pm. For info/mtg topic: 826-BWMT.
Bisexual People of Color Caucus: resource, support, political action, social group. Info: Lani 821-3534.
Lesbians of Color/Third World Lesbian Support Group meets Thursdays, 6:30-8pm; $3 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds); Pacific Ctr, Telegraph & Derby, Berk. Info: Camille Barber; (510) 548-8283.
Bisexual Women of Color Group—See Bisexual Groups.
Bisexual Men of Color Group—See Bisexual Groups.
Zebra Brigade: Social organization for Black and white lesbian couples. Mtgs in SF & Eastbay. For more info call (510) 528-9429.
African American lesbians 40+: monthly mtg for social activities, potluck, card & board games, theater outings & sports events. Info: Brenda (510) 465-2573.
Ache: Nonprofit community organization for lesbians of African American descent. Produces monthly & annual events; provides community outreach, education & networking; publishes a bimonthly magazine of articles, conference reports, poetry & community events for and about lesbians of African American descent. For more info call 849-2819 or write: Ache, PO Box 6071, Albany, CA 94706.
Black Female Couples With Children Support Group: See Parenting.
African American Lesbian Network meets in SF. For info/location call 824-8731.
Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group meets every 4th Sun, 10 am-noon, free. A support group for Asian lesbians 35 yrs & over. Info: (510) 482-0787 or (415) 255-7560.
APBS: African American Designers. Collective of African-American fashion designers, see Professional Groups.
Free Acupuncture Services offered by Bayview-Hunter's Point Foundation for HIV positive people of color, see AIDS Resources for details.
Third World People with AIDS/ARC group spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. See AIDS Resources.
Asian/Pacific HIV-Positive Gay Men's support group offered by GAPA (Gay Asian Pacific Alliance), see AIDS Resources.
AIDS/HIV Info Group for Asian & Pacific Islander Men. Drop-in, free. See AIDS Resources for details. Spons by GAPA.
Gay Asian Rap Group in SF, spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Meets every other Wed, 7-9 pm. Info: 282-GAPA.
Trikone: Support group for gay & lesbian South Asians (people of Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Sri Lankan & Nepali descent). Meets 1st Sun of each month at 6 pm in San Jose. For more info write PO Box 21354, San Jose 95151-1354 or call (408) 270-8776.
CASA: Community Alternative Social Assoc. A multiracial social & community service organization for gay latinos & friends. Mtgs held every 2nd Sat of each month at Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Delores St, SF. 5-7 pm. All are welcome! Call 552-6433 for more info.
CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides services to the Latino community, see AIDS Resources.
GELAAM: Gente Latina de Ambiente. A Latino/Latina lesbian, gay & bisexual organization that promotes the improvement of our community at a political, cultural, social & educational level. Gen'l mtgs every 4th Sat of every month. Newsletter & various activities. For more info write to GELAAM, 2261 Market St, PO Box 300, SF 94114 or call 267-4892.
AGUILAS (Asamblea Gay Unida Impactando Latinos/as Superase). Gay Latino organization committed to advocating & developing activities in our community which encourage positive self identities, healthy relationships & leadership skills. For mtg times & other info call Juan 648-3702 for info/location.
Asian Pacific Sisters (APS): an organization by and for Asian and/or Pacific Islander women who are lesbians or bisexuals. APS seeks each woman's own unique experience, whether of Pacific Islander, East Asian, Southeast Asian, South Asian, or mixed heritage. American-born or immigrant, multilingual or monolingual, physically challenged or able, all are welcome! Call Young (510) 465-7394. for more information.
Asian Pacifica Lesbian Network (APLN): Nat'l network for lesbians & bisexual women of Asian/Pacific Islander descent. Monthly mtgs in SF or Oakland. For times, dates & other info call (415) 928-8885 or (510) 482-0787.
Asian & Pacific Islander Gay/Bi Men's Support Group: meets Tues 6:30-8 pm at Pacific Ctr. Gay Asian men of all ages are welcome. Info/res: (510) 841-6224. 2712 Telegraph Ave at Derby, Berkeley.
Vietnamese Gay Men's Group: Share feelings, exchange information, give support. Monthly newsletter in English & Vietnamese. All Asians welcome. For details contact Brian Dang, 2200 Market St #95, SF 94114.
Vietnamese Lesbians' Group (VLG): Support group for Vietnamese lesbians & bi women, and Vietnamese women questioning their sexuality. Monthly mtgs, lots of food, fun & friends. Confidentiality respected. Info: (415) 575-3934 or (510) 676-3652.
Japanese American Gay Social (JAGS): Non-political, informal social group for persons of Japanese ancestry. Info: 584-7224.
Black Gay & Bisexual Men's Support Group: Drop-in. Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.
Gay/Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA): group by & for gay men of Asian & Pacific Islander heritages. GAPA seeks to create a positive & visible presence for gay Asian/Pacifics in the SF Bay Area. Gen'l mtgs: every 2nd Sun of the month at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. 6-8 pm. Also bimonthly newsletter "Lavender Godzilla", write to PO Box 421884, SF CA 94142-1884 to subscribe. Info: GAPA Hotline 282-GAPA.
Support Group for Asian/Pacific Islander gay, lesbian & bisexual young people, 21 & under, spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services' LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) program. Call Donna 565-7681 for info.
Pacific Friends-SF: Non-political organization whose sole purpose is to promote greater cross-cultural understanding & friendship between Asian/Pacific Islanders and other cultures, thru cultural, educational & social activities. Info: Elliot 564-7199.
Iranian Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Group: Meet others like you, get support. Info: Hasha, PO Box 460 495, SF 94146-0495.
African-American Men dealing with AIDS/ARC/HIV Support Group at SF AIDS Fdn, see AIDS Resources.
The Brothers Network provides emotional support to African American gay and bisexual men who are HIV+. Services include support groups, peer counseling. See AIDS Resources.
African-American Women with Cancer: Support group meets every other Mon 6:30-8 pm at the Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-WCRC or (510) 548-9272 for more information.
Lesbians of Color sobriety support group at Iris Project, see Addiction Recovery.
Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. Info: 1081 Alameda #117, Belmont CA 94002.
Artists of Color Open Mike Night at Ohama Cultural Ctr: Every 2nd & 4th Thurs of the month. 7 pm, $5. 4345 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 658-1868.
Arab Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Network: Social group for Arab-identified lesbian, gay & bisexual people. For details write: ALGBN, PO Box 460526, SF 94114. Call (510) 428-0179 for info/location of next meeting.
African-American Young Men: Discussion group spons by LYRIC, see Youth.
Bay Area Native Women Writers Circle for American Indian, Native Alaskan/Hawaiian, Canadian First Nations, and other international indigenous women writers—see Performance & Writing Groups.

► PERFORMANCE & WRITING GROUPS

Mothertongue Feminist Theater Collective welcomes any woman with ideas to share & stories to tell—writing & performing experience not necessary. Info: (510) 848-5966.
VOICES: Bay Area lesbian choral ensemble covers the musical map, performing everything from madrigals and contemporary music to blues & jazz. For more info or to be on mailing list call (510) 486-8984.
Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF invites you to join in making music & having fun. Ability to read music a plus, but not necessary. Rehearsal times & other info: 861-7067.
The Society of Gay & Lesbian Composers encourages the composition of music that conveys the attitudes, ideals & uniqueness of gay & lesbian cultures. Group sponsors 3 annual concerts, plus monthly business & social mtgs (usually in SF) where composers can meet & share their music & ideas. For info/location of next mtg call 333-2755. For brochure/membership application or other info write PO Box 14521, SF CA 94114.
GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective). Join rock musicians, singers, writers, cartoonists, comedians & others for eclectic, upbeat, fun socializing. Info: Jon Sugar 731-2424 or write (with SASE) 901 Stanyan St #14, SF 94117.
Fat Lip Readers Theatre: political theatre collective of fat, fiesty & diverse women who strut their stuff on stage & video, and in wkshops. Submissions of poetry, prose, stories & analysis with a fat liberation perspective are welcome & respected. Info: PO Box 29963, Oakl 94604; (510) 655-7404.
Novel Writing Group for women who are in the process of writing a novel. Meets in SF twice per month. Info/location: Eliza 759-5898.
Bay Area Native Women Writers Circle for American Indian, Native Alaskan/Hawaiian, Canadian First Nations, and other international indigenuous women writers who want to meet other Native women writers & share words and support, resources & knowledge about writing & publishing. Group is one of many regional writers circles forming, inspired by the "Returning the Gift" Festival of Native Writers. For more info, write Victoria Lena Manyarrows, 2440 16th St #146, SF 94103 or call 864-3538.
Jewish Lesbian Writers Group welcomes Jewish women of all ages, all levels of serious writers. Poor or working class, Sephardic, Mizrachi & Jewish women of color are especially welcome. Mtgs in the Eastbay, every other Mon nights. Occasional public readings & writing retreats. Childcare costs paid. Chem-free space, group strives for accessibility. Please do not wear scented products. Please do write & talk about writing. Info/location: (510) 540-5564 or (510) 465-1294.
Lesbian Writing Group welcomes feminists from all backgrounds who are committed writers & interested in attending a bimonthly writing group. Eastbay location. Info: Aja Duncan (510) 839-5689.
Novelists' Wkshop & Support Group: Meets Mon nights in SF. Women & men together. Submit 10 pages for review. Free. Info: Rita 824-9083 or Adrian 626-3129.
Lesbian Womanist/Feminist Writer's Group welcomes committed writers of all genres, and racial & cultural diversity. Weekly mtgs in the Eastbay. Call Suzanne (510) 540-7007 or JB (510) 601-8115.
Visual Artists Critique Group: Ongoing group mtgs provide consistent & informed feedback to visual artists. All levels of skill, technique & creativity are welcome; politically insprired or socially conscious work is encouraged, but not essential. Info: Claude 821-7931.
Mark I Chester's SEXART Salon: Salon & parties focused on sexuality & creativity. Participants share artwork (your own or someone else's) such as reading, performance & static art that explores sex, sexuality & eroticism. New performers welcome, regardless of experience. Events are open to men & women of all sexualities. Info: 544-1136 (leave message).
Bay Area Raw Rahs: Collegiate-style cheerleading/precision dance group open to men & women who are interested in mastering and performing dance routines, human pyramids, partner lifts & gymnastic stunts. Practices held Tues, 6-8 pm at Jon Sims Center, Mission St, SF. Info: Steve (510) 228-7497 or Michael (415) 863-0533.
SF Fringe Riders perform country western dance routines at fundraising & gay/lesbian events throughout Calif. Membership in this all-women dance troupe is open to all women who demonsrate dance ability and are intersted in promoting country western dancing. For membership info call (510) 482-1830; for performance or other info call (510) 939-4406 or (415) 647-9670.
931 Cloggers: All-women's clogging team from San Jose. Group performs at rodeos, conventions, SF Freedom Day Parade and many other charity events. Info: Jaci Murray (510) 481-5101.
LIPS: (Lesbian Installation Projects). Work on an installation concerning Sappho, with other lesbian artists. Artists in all media & musicians are welcome. Lunchtime potluck & ideas exchange. Info/location: (510) 222-7989.
Lesbian Playwrights Group meets Sunday afternoons. For details call (415) 282-4510 (SF) or (510) 436-3324 (Eastbay).
Just A Stage Lesbian & Gay Improv Comedy Theater Group: Wkly open workshops in improv with Just A Stage performers. New members are always welcome! Info: Ed 824-7929.

► POLITICAL

Queer Nation: A working activist group which utilizes direct action to oppose & eliminate heterosexism & homophobia. For meeting times, location & info call the Queer Line, 985-7141.
Transgender Nation: A diverse group of transgendered and non-transgendered people united in anger & resolved to directly empower all transgendered people by direct political action. For info call 586-6409 or write 584 Castro St #288, SF 94114.
Queer Planet: An int'l human rights organization whose purpose is to defend the human & civil rights of sexual minorities & eliminate discrimination against lesbians, gays, bisexuals & transsexuals. Mtgs 2nd & 4th Tues of each month, 7:30-9 pm at New College, 50 Fell St, btwn Van Ness Ave & Polk, SF.
Queers for Cuba works to fight US blockade of Cuba & build solidarity with Cuban people, especially queers & people with AIDS/HIV. Group informs queer communities about Cuba, while combatting homophobia within the solidarity movement. Group is inclusive of gays, lesbians, bisexuals & transgender people, and operates from the belief that the struggle for queer liberation must also be a struggle against racism, sexism & class inequalities. Meets 1st Sun & 3rd Wed of every month, 7 pm at 3382 26th St at Mission, SF. For info call 995-4678 or write 3543 18th St, Box 33, SF 94110.
ACT UP East Bay currently works on insurance discrmination & housing issues. Meets monthly, call (510) 836-4401 for time & place, or write PO Box 8074, Oakl CA 94608.
ACT UP/Golden Gate holds general meetings on Tues 7 pm at 590 Castro St, Ste B, SF (2nd level, call ahead if you need special assistance. Info: 241-8800, FAX 252-9277. Mailing address: 519 Castro St, MS-93, SF 94114.
Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) works for fair & diverse coverage of lesbians, gays & bisexuals, and fights stereotypical portrayals in the print & electronic media. To report a defamation, call the hotlines: SF (415) 861-4588, EB (510) 273-9146, (SB) (408) 235-0229. Fax (415) 861-4893 or send photocopies or tapes to GLAAD, 514 Castro St, Ste B, SF 94114.
GLAAD East Bay meets 4th Sun of every month, 7 pm, at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley.
GLAAD South Bay meets 4th Sun of every month at 7 pm, at the Billy DeFrank Center, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose.
Lesbian Uprising! A feminist political, educational & cultural group of Bay Area lesbians who envision a return to the radical ideals of the women's liberation movement; recognize the deep connection between the personal & the political, & seek means to embody those connections in concrete ways. Group defends & empowers women by being visible, participating in street demos, etc. Group also meets twice monthly to discuss exciting feminist literature & theory. Interested? Call Gail 441-6238 or write PO Box 423555, SF CA 94142 for free copy of monthly newsletter/calendar.
Lesbian Avengers: Direct action group focused on issues vital to lesbian survival & visibility. Open to all women. Group meets Mon at 7 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. For info/location call 267-6195.
NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force): Local unit of nat'l lesbian/gay rights organization meets 2nd & 4th Wed of each month at 6:30 pm. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: (510) 653-2571.
Stonewall Gay Democratic Club: A demo club for women & men which focuses on Democratic pollitics as well as AIDS, breast cancer & gay freedom issues. Meets 1st Tues of each month at 7:30 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Mtgs are often panel discussions of current topics of interest to the lesbian, gay & bisexual communities, interspersed with political endorsement meetings. Visitors welcome! Info: Steve Kline, 824-2671 or 255-8673.
Lavender SIG (Special Interest Group): A nat'l political & support network for fat lesbians, bisexuals & gays, and their allies. Part of NAAFA (Nat'l Assoc to Advance Fat Acceptance), a human rights organization. For info send SASE to Lavender SIG, PO Box 210074, SF 94121-0074.
Men Against Circumcision: Nat'l organization for support & activism. Runs Harm Documentation Project and Action Alert Network. For more info write NOHARMM, PO Box 460795, SF 94146 or call Tim 826-9351.
Berkeley Women in Black: Weekly vigil for peace in the Middle East and against the Israeli occupation of Palestinian lands. Non-hierarchical, diverse group of women who strive to build a non-patriarchal peace culture based upon the values of caring, equality and democratic empowerment. Meet Fridays from noon-1 pm at the corner of Bancroft Ave & Telegraph Ave in Berkeley, at Sather Gate. If possible, wear black. For more info write PO Box 936, Berkeley 94701 or call (510) 644-0480.
Classism Discussion Group for middle-and-upper-class lesbians meets monthly in Oakland. For time/location or more info call Elizabeth (510) 652-7729.
Lavendar Greens: Independent networking group of activist men & women that functions to foster environmental/Green values in the gay, lesbian, bi & transgender communities. Group meets in a variety of settings—monthly salons, group habitat restoration activities, etc—to share ideas & actively build/contribute to our communities. Info: Kai 282-6282 (leave message).
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LAGAI (Lesbians & Gays Against Intervention in Central America), one of SF's most enduring radical queer groups. Group of lesbians & gay men working cooperatively & joyfully together to create revolution. Mtgs every other Mon night. For info call 664-9814 (eves) or write 3543 18th St, Box 26, SF 94110

► PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

Golden Gate Business Association (GGBA): comprised of gay & lesbian businesses, professionals, artisans & individuals throughout the Bay Area. Monthly networking events & more. For membership & event info call (415) 441-3651 or (800) 272-0278. Office Hrs: Mon-Fri 11 am-4 pm.

Brava! For Women in the Arts: multicultural organization of women artists who promote excellence among women in the arts thru professional presentation of established women artists, as well as providing services & assistance to emerging women artists. Info: 641-7657.

Federal Lesbians & Gays (FLAG) offers support, advice & activities for Federal employees. Mtg 2nd Wed of each month, 6 pm. SF location. Info: (510) 528-4427.

G/LOV: Gay/Lesbian Organization of Videomakers: Monthly meetings for people involved in all aspects of video & film production. Info: Nikos Diaman 775-6143.

Chevron Lesbian & Gay Employees Association: Call 281-0788 for meeting times & other information.

United Airlines Lesbian & Gay Employees Coalition: Group lobbies for domestic partnership benefits & encourages company participation in gay & lesbian events. For info write GLUE Coalition, 2261 Market St, #293, SF 94114-1693 or call (800) 999-3448.

Women's Business Network (WBN) provides practical support for women in business & women changing careers. Educational networking events, monthly newsletter, low-interest loans for women in business and women changing careers. Info/complimentary newsletter: WBN (510) 482-8583.

Gays & Lesbians in Planning: Social group for gay men, lesbians & bisexuals in city planning & related professions. Bi-monthly potluck dinners, short programs & social events. Info: 626-5750.

BANGLE (Bay Area Network of Gay & Lesbian Educators) supports lesbian, gay & bisexual educators by providing monthly social gatherings & working for equality in education. Membership confidential. Educators, their families & friends are welcome. Info: SF—(415) 285-5078, Eastbay (510) 234-4627, Contra Costa County (510) 687-4851, Southbay (408) 298-1231, Sonoma County (707) 526-7931.

APB: African-American Designers, a collective of African-American fashion dsigners seek other designers (clothing makers, textile designers, accessory makers, etc. Support groups, resource sharing, networking. Info: 207-6850.

National Lesbian & Gay Journalists Association (NLGJA): The gay "j's" are journalists & supporters focusing on workplace & coverage issues in the mainstream media. Info: 905-4690.

GAYLESTA (Gay & Lesbian Therapist Association) of the Bay Area. For newsletter/more info call (510) 339-8077.

Forty Plus: Nonprofit organization of managers & professionals over 40 seeking employment. Meets Mon at 8 am at 7440 Lockheed St, near Oakland International Airport. Presentations by experts in job search or career change. Call (510) 430-2400. Orientation sessions held 10 am each Wed at Forty Plus, San Jose Center, 1250 Aviation Ave, SJ. Call (408) 288-3555 for details. Free. Newcomers are welcome! Info: (510) 430-2400.

► SENIORS

Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) offers various groups (writing, outings, discussion, etc) of interest to lesbians & gay men. For info on groups offered call 626-7000.

Senior Information Line:—see Hotlines & Referrals.

St Francis of Assisi Community invites all seniors age 60 & over to share a nutritious free lunch, Mon-Sun at noon. $1.25 suggested donation. Group also offers full, free activities program for seniors, including craft classes, day trips, bingo, exercise classes, health education & health screenings. For meal reservations or copy of activities calendar call 861-5790, 9 am-noon. 145 Guerrero St, SF.

Senior Information & Referral Service, spons by the SF Commission on the Aging, is located at 25 Van Ness Ave, Suite 750, SF. 24-hour phone line: 626-1033.

Eldercare Locator helps families & friends find information about community services for older people, anywhere in the United States and its territories. The service is funded in part by the Older Americans Act. For info call (800) 677-1116.

Lesbians Age-Related Eyesight Loss Group: Self-help group for older lesbians who are experiencing age-related eyesight loss. Group explores practical, social & emotional issues of eyesight loss & aging from a feminist perspective. Spons by the Nat'l Assoc for Visually Handicapped. Info: 221-3201.

► SUPPORT GROUPS

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous: SF group, see Incest & Battery.

Support Group for Gay & Bisexual Men & Transgenders who are being emotionally, physically and/or sexually abused by male partners—see Incest & Battery.

Women's Cancer Support Groups: spons by Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, see Health.

Lesbian Adoptees: See Hotlines & Referrals.

Adoptees, Birth Parents & Adoptive Parents support groups meet throughout the Bay Area. For info/locations: Post Adoption Center for Education & Research (PACER) 935-6622.

Adoptee Support Group for adoptees & those interested in adoptee issues. Wed 7-9 pm at SF State Women's Center, Student Union, 2nd floor, room 114. Free. Everyone welcome! Info: BJ 824-4357.

Drop-in Gay Men's Rap at Pacific Center, Berkeley: Join other gay men of all ages for a wkly support group, Tues 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Monday Gay Men's Group at Pacific Cetner, Berkeley: Join 50-100 gay men at this weekly drop-in group offering multiple-topic discussion & social time. Mon 7:45-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Drop-in Lesbian Rap at Pacific Center, Berkeley: Tues eves, 8-9:50 pm. Call (510) 548-8283 for info.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group: discussion group for all lesbians. Meet Thurs 7:30 pm at the Palo Alto YWCA, 4161 Alma (just north of San Antonio), Palo Alto. Different topics each week, see Main Calendar for details. Info: Marilyn 969-1260.

Walnut Creek Lesbian Discussion Group meets Mon at 7 pm at Pacific Center, 1250 Pine St, #301, Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 939-7711.

Walnut Creek Gay Support Group meets Tues at 7 pm at Pacific Ctr, 1250 Pine St #301, Walnut Creek. Info: 939-7711.

Graves' Disease (hyperthyroid) Support Groups in SF & the East Bay: Call Susan (510) 540-8640 for info. In Santa Cruz, call Deborah (408) 479-0559.

Lesbians w/mild MS: Informal support group meets monthly. For info & location, call Blue (510) 658-2477 or Ilene (415) 221-2361.

Headache Support Group meets twice a month in SF. For info call Judy 459-5839.

Hidden Disabilities/Chronic Pain Support Group for Women. Free. Leaderless. Eastbay location. Info: Dana (510) 658-0826.

Support Group for Women who want to leave the sex industry meets Tues 4-5:30 pm. Drop-in center open Tues noon-4 pm. 942 Market St #307. Spons by Women Emerging. Info: 982-3365.

Women's Coming Out Group: open to women of all ages, drop-in. Choose topics, make friends. 6 pm Wed at Pacific Ctr (newcomers come at 5:45 pm to meet facilitator). 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

Coming Out Support Group at Billy DeFrank Community Center, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Focus on issues of people who are just coming out. Meets 3rd Sat of every month, 1-3 pm. Info: (408) 293-2429.

Tri-Valley Gays/Lesbians: Support group for all gay people in the Tri-Valley area meets in Pleasanton, Mon at 5 pm at The Center, 4725 First St, Plesanton. Info: Claudia Hartley (510) 846-2085.

Slightly Older Lesbian Support Group for lesbians over 30. Rap group meets 7:30 pm Thurs at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Long-running group. Info: 841-6224 or 548-8283 (leave message for SOL).

Personal Support Group for Midlife Lesbians, spons by Options for Women Over 40. Facilitated by Lee Bowman, LCSW. Focus on personal issues: midlife transition, sex, relationships, health, aging, change. 8-wk groups. Wed 6:30-8 pm, low fee. Info: Options 431-6405.

Support Group for Battered Lesbians, spons by WOMAN, Inc—see Incest & Battery.

Lesbian MidLife Support Group meets once a month on Sun night, free. Discuss menopause, self-image, health issues, older workers, body image, new lifestyles & financial planning. Info/location: 252-9073.

50s Support Group: Leaderless Eastbay group for feminist lesbians in their 50's (late 40's OK) to share stimulating talk, idea sharing, interesting activities, mutual support. Info: (510) 848-1654.

Married/Formerly Married Gay/Bi Men: Wkly support & social group at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Married & Divorced Men's Group meets Thurs eves in Palo Alto for social/support. Heterosexual, bisexual & gay men are welcome. Info: PO Box 1153, Palo Alto, 94301.

Men's Support Group for straight men whose wives/lovers are coming out. Marin location. Free. Call Jon Seirup, PhD 898-1468 for info.

Spouses of Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Persons Support Group meets 4th Tues of each month at St John's Presbyterian Church, College Ave at Garber, Berkeley. 7:30 pm. Info: Amity Buxton (510) 525-0200.

Lesbian Couples Group: Support/social group for lesbians. Meets Fri 7:30 pm at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 540-6746 or (510) 548-8283.

Foreskin Restoration Group for men wanting to overcome the mutilation of circumcision & restore our birthright. Technical & moral support mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Spons by RECAP. Info: (510) 827-4077.

Men Against Circumcision: NAtional direct action network. Group runs a Harm Documentation Project, does Action Alerts, etc. Info: NOHARMM, POB 460795, SF 94146 or call Tim 826-9351.

Eastbay PFLAG (Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays) meet 4th Tues of each month, and welcomes gay, lesbians & bisexual persons for safe, confidential sharing & support on family issues. Info: Betty (510) 547-4657 or Peggy (510) 524-8911.

SF PFLAG: Monthly support group for parents & family of lesbians & gays meets at St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St at Market, SF, every 2nd Sun of the month. Gay & lesbian community members are also welcome. Info: 921-8850.

Peninsula FLAG: Monthly support group for parents & friends of lesbians and gays meets 7:30 pm, 2nd Wed of each month at First Congregational Church, 1980 Hamilton Ave, San Jose and 3rd Thurs of each month at St Bede's Episcopal Church, 2650 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park. Group welcomes gay, lesbian & bisexual persons for safe, confidential sharing & support on family issues. Info: (408) 270-8182 or (415) 857-1058.

Woman-to-Woman SM: Outcasts is an educational, support & social group for women interested in s/m between women, including lesbian, bisexual & transsexual women. Info: Write PO Box 31266, SF 94131-0266.

The Deaf Gay & Lesbian Center provides support groups for deaf and hard-of-hearing queers. For info call 885-2341 TDD or use California Relay 1-800-735-2922. Several different groups offered.

MBLGA (Multicultural Bisexual Lesbian & Gay Alliance) at UC Berkeley spons support groups, socials and other events for members of the UC Berkeley and UCSF communities. Info: (510) 642-6942.

Former Jehovah's Witnesses: Support/social group for women who were former Jehovah's Witnesses. Info: 703-7147.

For More Listings in the support group category, see *SF Bay Times'* classifieds in the "Open Exchange" therapy/support group section, under **"relationship therapy"**, **"recovery addiction"**, and **"incest/battery therapy."**

► SOCIAL GROUPS

Girth & Mirth Club of SF meets every Sat. Chubbies meet chasers meet chubbies. For info write: 176-B Page St, SF 94102 or call 24-hr message hotline: 552-1143.

UCGALA (Univ of Calif Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc). Open to graduates and anyone else who is a friend of the University. Annual membership: $20. For info & to get on mailing list (confidentiality assured), call 267-3150. Monthly social & cultural events.

Cal Poly GALA (Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc) provides social & cultural support for lesbian, gay & bisexual students, curricula & activites; and serves the needs alumni & future alumni. Absolute confidentiality assured. Info: (408) 245-7179.

Multicultural Bisexual Lesbian & Gay Alliance at UC Berkeley (MBLGA): See Support Groups.

Sunset Rising: Sunset District (Inner & Outer) gays, lesbians & bisexuals gather for social & volunteer activities. Join us! Info: 753-6435.

Fremont Men Social Group: Potlucks, dinners, hikes, etc; in the Fremont area. For newsletter or other info write PO Box 1238, Fremont, CA 94538 or call (510) 713-2455, (510) 596-3578.

Berkeley Flats Dykes (BFD) meets 10:30-1:30 pm on the last Sun of each month for potluck brunch. You don't have to live in the Berkeley Flats to attend, just bring something to eat or drink. Call the hotline (510) 273-2465 for location.

Tri-City Area Lesbians: (Fremont, Union City, & Newark). Meet your neighbors for informal dinners, socials, etc. Call Beth or Laurie (510) 794-8004.

Melting Pot Luck/Palo Alto meets monthly in our homes. All ages, males, females, singles & couples are welcome for neighborhood socials. Info: Bob 857-9079.

Melting Pot Luck/San Mateo County meets monthly in our homes. All ages, singles & couples, multiracial, diversity welcome. Info: Owl, 325-9266.

Coastside Social Group (Pacifica-Half Moon Bay Area) for gays, lesbians, family & friends. Info: Laura 359-0207 or Paul 726-2838.

Albany Dykes: Join your neighbors for potluck Sun brunch! Info/location: Barbara or Judy (510) 528-9026.

Oakland Lesbians living between Telegraph, Broadway, 40th & 51st Streets: Meet your lesbian neighbors for community & fun! Call (510) 655-8792 for more info & to get on the mailing list.

Solano Lambda Men's Assoc: Offers alternative events for gay men. Rap group, social activities, etc. Meets 2nd & 4th Tues of each month in Vacaville, call (707) 448-1010 for info/location.

Napa Valley Men's Network: Social organization of gay and bisexual men over 18, from Northbay counties. Group meets for potluck dinners on the 2nd Sun of each month, and for addt'l events as scheduled. For newsletter, write PO Box 4307, Napa 94558.

Jewish Lesbian & Bi Women of the Southbay: Group meets bimonthly for social activities: potluck brunches, game nights, hikes, movies. Come schmooze, nosh & meet other Southbay Jewish women! Info: Joyce 965-8416.

Peninsula Bi Guys Group: See Bisexual.

Women Over 50 Social Group meets every 3rd Sun from 3-5 pm, in Los Gatos. Other events arranged. Info: (408) 354-4397 or (415) 558-8366.

Forties, an informal social club for gaymen in Santa Cruz County. Group holds a potluck on the 2nd Fri of every month. For info/location call Ramon (408) 423-1155.

Generation X-Ers: Rap/social group for progressive-thinking twentysomethings (women especially encouraged). Dicussion topics include: generation identity, PC, activism, racial issues, TV and gay & lesbian issues. SF location. Info: Raman 771-4291 or Erica 621-6946.

Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group, see People of Color.

Bridging the Gap Alliance: Social/political group of deaf, hard of hearing and hearing lesbians. Meets monthly (mtgs in ASL). New signers are welcome! Info: write BGA, PO Box 5669, Berkeley, CA 94705.

East Bay Network: Club for gay community socializing. Anytime, on-line 24 hrs. Computer & modem required. Call (510) 827-0470. Modem (510) 827-3894.

New Horizons: Social/support/volunteer group for young adults in their twenties. Meet Thurs in San Anselmo, Marin at the YWCA, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. New members drop-in at 7:45 pm, gen'l mtgs 8-9:30 pm. Info: 457-3523.

East Bay Men: Get together for various social events—dinners, cinemas, etc. Couples & singles welcome. Non-sexual. Info: PO Box 866, El Cerrito, 94530 or call (510) 466-0455.

Social Group for Bay Area professional & business men. Meet for dining out, cinemas & other social events. Alternative to the bars. Non-sexual. Write PO Box 1397, El Cerrito, 94530 or call (510) 527-9244.

Eastbay Dykes Separatist Social Group meets for fun, discussion, and to expand our Separatist support network. Assume no s/m, drugs, alcohol, smoking or perfume. Info/location: (510) 482-0635 or (510) 655-8792.

The Irish Lesbian & Gay Organization meets monthly. Info/location: 929-8877.

Negatives Being Positive: Social group of HIV negative gay men, spons by the AIDS Health Project. See Main Calendar listings for upcoming events or call the Event Line 476-6448 and press option 4 at the recorded message.

Coastside Social Group (Pacifica-Half Moon Bay Area) for gays, lesbians, family & friends. Info: Laura 359-0207 or Paul 726-2838.

The Guys: A social alternative for athletic, active gay guys. Sun brunches, Tahoe, hiking, beaches, biking, pool, bowling, etc. Info:(510) 531-5836.

Couples Club of SF Bay Area: Group supports positive aspects of gay & lesbian relationships by providing social & educational activities for same-sex couples. Info: Mark & Mike 242-0319 or Robin & Ro 731-8960.

Queer Deadheads gather for social events. For info/newsletter: Dave 285-6286.

Brainy, Artsy Gals: Social group for women into good food & conversation about the arts. Meets 1st Fri of each month, SF & Eastbay locations. Info: (510) 658-9389.

Der Deutsche Freundschaftskreis, a German-speaking potluck social group meets on the 3rd Fri of each month. All levels welcome. Info: Don 329-1438.

Avis Au Public: San Franciscains emmenez votre etendard. Parlons Francais ensemble. Potluck chaque 1 vendredi du mois. Info: 431-6414.

Utne-Style Salon: Engage in substantial discussion of politics, art, spirituality, activism, humor, gaia, etc. Snobbery—no; real talk—yes. Women & people of color are especially encouraged. Meets twice a month. Info: Sheila 695-2968 or Mitchell 861-5673.

JUNGLE RED features none other than Ann Drogyneous (left), Janet Fly (right) and Miss X (center). It's not to be missed at the artfull circle theatre. OnStage has all the diss.

► SPIRITUALITY

Shabbat Services with Sha'ar Zahav, Jewish lesbian/gay congregation. Every Fri at 8:15 pm & 2nd Saturday of each month, 10:30 am. 220 Danvers (upper Market), SF. 861-6932.

Temple Israel of Alameda: A caring & inclusive congregation, everyone is welcome. Fri services at 8 pm. Family Service 1st Fri of the month at 7:30 pm. 1st & 3rd Sat of month: 10 am study, 11 am Minyan. 3183 Mecartney Rd, Alameda. Info: Kathy or Joyce (510) 653-8494.

Temple Sinai of Oakland congregation cares & welcomes everyone to services: Fri at 8:15 pm; first Fri of the month is a family service, held at 7:30 pm. Shabbat morning service at 10:30 am, preceded by Torah study at 9. 2808 Summit St, Oakl. Info: (510) 451-3263.

Jewish Lesbians, bisexual women & friends meet to celebrate Shabbat, 1st Fri of each month, alternating btwn SF & EB locations. Join us for letting go of the week & your work, bringing in Shabbat with song, food, schmoozing & Jewish culture. Please wear no scents. Info: 821-4009.

Nishmat Shalom: An Eastbay feminist minyan. Semi-traditional havura, first Sat of each month at 10 am. Services followed by vegetarian potluck. Women, men, gay, straight, bi welcome. Call (510) 559-9759 for details.

Hartford Zen Center: A Zen Buddhist temple in the heart of the Castro lesbian, gay, bi community. Zazen meditation schedule: morning & evening, Mon-Fri. Meditation & lecture Sat morning. Come learn Zen meditation, benefit yourself & others. Abbott Zenshin Philip Whalen. Info: 863-2507.

Dharma Sisters: Group for lesbian & bi women practicing or interested in any form of Buddhism. Weekly women's sitting, monthly meetings, special events, mutual support. All women are welcome! Info: 826-7990.

Gay Buddhist Fraternity: For gay men who practice any form of the Buddhadharma, or who are interested in practicing. Meet 2nd & 4th Sun of each month in a beautiful SF meeting place for meditation, discussion & interaction. Additional group events & retreats held occasionally. Beginners welcome! For info call 974-9878, please leave your phone number.

Vajrayana Buddhist Support Group for gay/bisexual men meets in SF. Practitioners of Tibetan Buddhism are welcome to join a supportive circle of male friends. Info: 974-9878.

Tayu Center: a Fourth Way spiritual school directed by Robert Daniel Ennis, a modern gay spiritual adept. Study groups meet 2nd Fri of each month at 7:30 pm in the Eastbay (776 Colusa Ave, El Cerrito), 3rd Tues at 8 pm in Marin (786 Marin Dr, Mill Valley) and last Tues at 8 pm in Sebastopol (898 Daniel St). Includes co-meditation (2-person), reading & discussion of Fourth Way material. Info: (707) 829-9579.

Sunday's Women gather to explore the Goddess Movement, network with

other spiritual women. Guest speakers. 3rd Sun of each month, Montclair Women's Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd, Oakl. $7-10 donation. Spons by Women's Spirituality Forum. Call the Goddess Hotline, (510) 444-7724, for info on current & upcoming events.

Women's Circle Network: If you are in a women's circle & would like to connect with a community of women's circles contact Emerald at 2124 Kittredge #11, Berkeley 94704. Call (510) 652-6355.

Witches Support Group meets to address issues. Women only. Jewish witches especially welcome. Info: 985-7473 leave message for Janette.

Women's Spiritualty Circle: Eastbay. Tues 7:30 pm. Free. Info: (510) 444-3337 or (415) 648-7592.

Imaging the Goddess as a personal, political & fun action. Make a unique politicl statement, explore your creativity & connections to strong images of wimmin. Free wkshops offered throughout Spring, all wimmin welcome, art-phobics especially encouraged. Eastbay & SF locations, call (510) 655-2179 for info.

J Krishnamurti Dialogues & Video Screenings offered in SF and the Eastbay. Dialogues are held every Mon in SF. Call (415) 469-0606 for time, location & other info.

Unitarian Universalist Church: Sun services at 11 am. Potluck every 2nd Sun. Congregation working toward becoming an intentionally welcoming community to lesbians, gays & bisexuals. 1187 Franklin St at Geary, SF.

Walnut Creek Interweave, a chapter of Unitarian Universalists addressing concerns of gays, lesbians, bis, TV/TS & straight allies meet last Sun of each month at Mt Diablo Unitarian Universalist church. 12:15 pm, after the 10:30 am service. Info: Alison (510) 228-0323 or Claudia (510) 937-7566.

St Marks Lutheran Church Communion: Sun, 9 & 11 am, 1111 O'Farrell at Gough, SF. Info: 928-7770.

Gay Men's Radical Faery Circle comes together every Thurs night at 8 pm. Bring instruments & energy! Info/location: 626-3369.

St Paul's Lutheran Church: worship & Eucharist, Sun, 10 am. 1658 Excelsior Ave, Oakl (just off I-580). Info: 530-6333.

Dolores Street Baptist Church: Small, inclusive & caring congregation of folks from many backgrounds & religious traditions. Sunday: 9:30 am Biblical Discernment on Today's Issues; 11 am worship. 208 Dolores St, SF. Call 861-1434 for more info or church vision statement. Everyone welcome!

Acceptance: Baptist Bible Study & support group meets Wednesdays, 7:30 pm. Location varies. Everyone is welcome. For info: 843-9705, 626-5034.

American Baptists Concerned: a supportive community of gay/lesbian Baptists & friends. Meets at 5 pm the first Sun of each month for fellowship and a potluck. Everyone is welcome! Also publishes quarterly newsletter, *Voice of the Turtle*. To join mailing list send $10 to ABC, 872 Erie St, Oakl 94610. For mtg & group info: (510) 465-8652.

Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church (American Baptist) is an inclusive church welcoming & affirming gay men & lesbians. Worship 10 am Sun at 3534 Lakeshore Ave & Mandana, Oakland. Gay/lesbian group, American Baptists Concerned, meets the first Sun of each month. For more info call (510) 893-2484.

First Baptist Church, Berkeley welcomes and affirms lesbian, gay & bisexual people in all lay & professional ministries. Small, friendly, energetic congregation. Worship services Sun at 10 am in the chapel at the corner of Dana & Durant, Berkeley. Rev Esther Hargis, pastor. Info: (510) 848-5838.

Bethany United Methodist Church: Caring & inclusive congregation, every person is welcome. Church reaches out to the lesbian & gay community. Sun worship at 11 am. 1268 Sanchez St at Clipper, SF. Info: 647-8393.

Montclair Presbyterian Church welcomes gay & lesbian people to worship & join in the church's many social justice & support programs. Worship service uses inclusive language. 10 am worship, 10 am church school & nursery for children. 5101 Thornhill Drive, Oakl. Info: Rev Chuck McClain or Rev Cindy Crowner, (510) 339-1131.

Seventh Ave Presbyterian Church: Inclusive community; gay, lesbian & straight, all ages. Come join, you're welcome! Sun worship at 10:30 am. 1329 7th Ave, SF. Info: 664-2543.

St John's Presbyterian Church: An inclusive "More Light" congregation in south Berkeley, nr the University campus, welcomes & affirms gay men & lesbians. Services 10 am Sun at 2727 College Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-6830.

Alameda First Congregational Church holds that all people are equally loved & accepted. You are welcome to Sun services at 10:30 am, 1912 Central Ave, Alameda. Info: (510) 522-6012.

First Congregational Church of Christ: Post & Mason Sts, SF. A Church "open & affirming" of all people, with active lesbian & gay members involved in all levels of church life & worship. Info: 392-7461.

St John's United Church of Christ, Laguna Honda at Woodside. An open & affirming church, welcoming people of all ages, races, shapes, sizes and abilities. Worship at 10 am with people who are single, married, divorced, widowed, gay & lesbian. Diversity is encouraged & celebrated. People who love to sing are especially welcome! Info: 731-9333.

Christian Women's Support Group meets 4th Sat of each month. Inclusive language eucharist, potluck, fellowship. Info: Kris Wagner 534-5546, Bonita Palmer 647-8390.

Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF: Sun worship services: 9 am, 11 am & 7 pm. AIDS ministry (see AIDS Resources), women's & men's groups, children's programming & educational series. Rev Jim Mitulski, pastor. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

Golden Gate MCC Sun worship services: 12:45 & 7 pm; 11 am bible study. 1600 Clay St, SF. Rev Buddy Trulock, pastor. Lesbian & gay Christians welcome all to enjoy nourishing worship & fellowship of Jesus Christ. Info: 567-9080.

New Life MCC Sun worship service: 1823 9th St at Hearst, Berkeley. 12:30 pm. Potluck every 3rd Sun. All welcome! Rev Barry Wichman, pastor. Leslie Addison, clergy intern. WA. Info: (510) 843-9355.

MCC of San Lorenzo meets at Christ Lutheran Church, 100 Hacienda St at Hathaway, San Lorenzo. Services Sun at 6 pm. Interim pastor: Rev Michael England. Info: (510) 481-9720.

Diablo Valley MCC Sun worship service, 10 am, 2253 Concord Blvd, Concord. Wed worship, 7 pm, followed by lay ministry courses at 8:15 pm. Info: (510) 827-2960.

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Russian River MCC Sun worship service: Noon, 14520 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville. Info: Rev Betty Pederson (707) 869-0552.

Evangelicals Concerned-SF Bay Area: Local chapters in SF, Eastbay, San Jose, of national pro-lesbian/gay Christian organization. Weekly discussion/Bible study groups, social activities & retreats. Be affirmed of both your sexuality & spirituality. Call Andrea or Jeff at (415) 621-ECWR (3297) for details.

Agape Full Gospel Fellowship: Ministry for all communities. Promotes spiritual, mental, physical & social wholeness thru Jesus Christ. Sunday worship service at 1 pm at 50 Belcher, SF. Thurs bible study at 7 pm, call for location. Info: Pastor Mike Arbuckle 861-2934.

Freedom in Christ Evangelical Church: Group of born-again Christian gays & lesbians reaching out with a message of Christ's resotring love to all people. Worship service Sun at 11 am at Jon Sims Center, 1519 Mission St, SF. Bible study Tues at 7:30 pm at Dolores Street Baptist Church, 208 Dolores St, SF. Info: Call 563-2973, or write Box 14462, SF 94114.

St Michael's Ecumenical Catholic Church: Pro-gay, independent denomination. Sun services at 10 am, 21956 Russian River Ave, Villa Grande. Info: Bishop Mark Shirilau (707) 865-0119.

Icon Orthodox Fellowship: Support group by & for gay & lesbian Orthodox Christians. HIV-positive people are especially welcome. Info/brochure: 673-6729, 11 am-7 pm.

Saint Raphael's Liberal Catholic Church: An apostolic church based on theosophical ideals & freedom of thought. Homage to Our Lady held every Sun at 9:45 am, mass at 10 am. Services held at 220 Danvers St at Caselli, SF. Open communion. Everyone welcome. Info: Rev Martin Nowinski 550-1576.

GLAD (Gay, Lesbian & Affirming Disciples/Christian Church) meet the 3rd Sun of each month at University Christian Church, 2401 Le Conte Ave, Berkeley. 4-7 pm. Potluck. Info: (510) 644-1823.

Gay Clergy Support: Group for professed religious who would like to socialize & exchange with other gay religious and clergy who believe in their unique calling as gays in the Church. Info: 584-1034.

► THERAPY GROUPS

Women's Institute for Mental Health: low-fee individual, couples & grou therapy. SL starts at $15. Groups for women abused as children. Info: 864-2364. 333 Valencia St, SF, Ste 222.

Disabled Lesbian Group for women with physical disabilities, hidden disabilities, chronic illness & chronic pain. Wed & Thurs at Operation Concern. WA, SL. Info: 626-7000 voice/tty.

Gay Men's Disabled Group: are you a gay man with a physical/hidden disability? Isolated & in need of support/therapy? Call 626-7000 v/tty. Group held at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF.

McAuley Neuropsychiatric Institute at St Mary's Hospital & Med Ctr in SF offers a number of psychotherapy groups (eating disorders, incest survivors, single parents, women, etc) for individuals & couples. Wkly mtgs, SL fee. For info or to register: Helga Justman, LCSW 750-5603.

Berkeley Free Clinic peer counseling collective provides counseling for individuals & couples, also provides mediations. Info: (510) 548-2570.

Men—Have You Abused Your Lover? Feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love most? MOVE offers help for gay & bisexual men who batter. See Incest & Battery section for details.

Lesbian Counseling Group offered by Family Service Agency of San Mateo: Focus on helping lesbians explore life issues in a safe, supportive setting. Meets Mon 6-7:30 pm at the agency offices, 1870 El Camino Real, Burlingame. Info/reg: 692-0555.

12-Wk Process Groups for Gay Men. Explore issues of intimacy, trust & communication. Spons by Operation Concern. Call Jill 626-7000.

Intuitive Hypnotherapy for Women: Free group offers help in assessing the unconscious for intuition, psychic development, inner guidance, health & empowerment issues. 7:30 pm Mondays, North Berkeley location. Info: (510) 527-3844.

Jewish Family Service of Santa Clara County offers "Kavod" ("respect" in Hebrew), a counseling & education program that is sensitive to the needs of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals & our families, with special outreach to Jewish clients. Support groups are also available on coming out, parents of gays & lesbians and Jewish identity. Fee subsidies available. For info/reg call Karen Belford, MSW, Kavod Project Director: (408) 399-2202.

Gay Men's Coming Out drop-in group spons by Operation Concern meets Tues 5:15-6:15 pm, 1853 Market St, SF. Facilitated by Kirk Hinman. Info: 626-7000.

For Additional Listings in the **Therapy** category see *Bay Times'* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"counseling", "relationship", "recovery addiction"** and **"incest/battery"** therapy headings.

► TRANSGENDER GROUPS

Transvestites & Transsexuals rap group (women & men): 1st and 3rd Wed and last Fri monthly, 8 pm, Pacific Ctr, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

TV/TS & Friends Transgender Group meets 8 pm, last Thurs of each month. SF location. Info: (510) 549-2665 or write ETVC, PO Box 426486, SF CA 94142. We're very active & friendly folks, call us!

Female-to-Male Crossdressers & Transsexuals Only Group. Newsletter & quarterly get-togethers. Info: FTM, 5337 College Ave #142, Oakl, CA 94618

SF Gender Information: provides referrals & networking for transsexuals & other gender community members—see Hotlines & Referrals.

Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group at the Tenderloin AIDS Center. See AIDS Resources for details.

Transsexual Support Group: Group for anyone who is transsexual or has gender issues. Beginners welcome. Group meets every Fri except last Fri of the month at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: (510) 841-6224.

Transgender Nation: See Political.

► YOUTH

LYRIC (Lavender Youth Recreation & Information Center) offers social, recreational & support activities for lesbian, gay & bisexual youth, 23 and under. For info about activities or to talk to young people call 863-3636 (SF) or 1-(800)-246-PRIDE (outside SF). LYRIC's business number is 703-6150.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives Group for young people with HIV. See AIDS Resources for details.

California Runaway Hotline provides services to young people who need help, want someone to talk to, or want to send a message to their parents. See Hotlines & Referrals.

Rainbow's End: Lesbian/Gay Youth Group. Open to ages 14-23. Thurs eves, drop-in 6:30 pm, group 7-8:30 pm. 1000 Sir Francis Drake, room 12, San Anselmo, Marin. Info: 457-3523.

Sexual Identity Forum for Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Youth—and youth exploring sexual identity. Open to ages 21 & under. Meet every Wed night, 7:30-9 pm at the Community Living Room, 28 W. 37th Ave, San Mateo. Drop by & make new friends! Info: 572-0535.

BASMYN (Bay Area Sexual Minority Youth Network) offers a variety of services for bisexal, lesbian, gay, transgender & questioning youth. A "by & for youth" organization. Discretion assured if requested. All letters answered. Free. Write: BASMYN, PO Box 460268, SF 94146-0268.

LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) for lesbian, gay, bisexual & questioning young people. Provides support groups, leadership program, writing & performance classes and social activities. Info: 565-7681. Spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services.

GALTIP (Gay & Lesbian Teen Intervention Program) provides info & confidential counseling in San Mateo County for youth and their families affected by issues of sexual identity. GALTIP is a program of Project FOCYS & the Peninsula Family YMCA. Info: Denee 342-5216.

Diamond Street Youth Shelter: Shelter for homeless kids in SF, part of SF Youth Network. 70 percent lesbian & gay staff. Open 9:45 pm-9 am. Offers shelter, meals, crisis counseling & referrals. Free. 536 Central Ave btwn Hayes & Grove, SF. Bus lines: 21 Hayes or 5 Fulton. Open to youth ages 13-17. No referral necessary to receive services. Call 567-1020 for info.

Young Lesbians: (25 & under). Ongoing rap/support group meets every Tues evening, 6-7:30 pm at the Pacific Center, Berkeley. Free. Info: (510) 548-8283

Young women's rap group for lesbian, bisexual & questioning women 23 & under meets Mon 7-9 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Valencia, SF. 3rd floor. Info: Call Felicia at LYRIC 703-6150.

Co-gender Bisexual Social Group spons by LYRIC meets Tues, 6:30-8:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Valencia, SF. 2nd floor. Info: 863-3636.

After-School Recreation Group for young people age 18 & under: Includes discussion, biking, hiking, camping, tennis, photography, self-defense class, movie nights. Info: Kathy at LYRIC 703-6150.

Gay Youth Community Coalition of the Bay Area: Provides advocacy, educational services, peer counseling, networking & technical assistance to sexual minority youth and youth projects. For details call 386-4297 or write PO Box 846, SF 94101-0846.

Lambda Youth Group: Gay, lesbian & bisexual support group for youth up to age 23 in southern Alameda County. Wkly mtgs on Tues, in a drug & alcohol-free environment. Occasional social activities, field trips, special events. Spons by Project Eden. Confidential. Info: (510) 887-0566.

Contra Costa Youth Group for gay, lesbian & bi youth, ages 21 and under. Group meets Sat at 5:30 pm at Pacific Center in Walnut Creek, 1250 Pine St, Ste 301. Info: (510) 939-7711.

Voices of Pride Sexual Minority Center in Oakland provides support services to gay, lesbian, bisexual & questioning youth, ages 23 & under. Drop-in counseling on Tues, 3-5 pm. Facilitated peer support group Sun 3-5 pm. Info: (510) 530-8529 or (415) 533-4026.

InsideOut, a lesbian/gay youth newsmagazine, holds weekly mtgs, Thurs at 6 pm. If your're 23 & under and interested in the journalism or publishing industries or just want to get your work published, you're welcome! For more info call 985-5243 or write InsideOut, PO Box 460268, SF 94146. Youth-run paper.

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From Holland, With Rock

Quite by surprise I recently found myself with a lot of free time on my hands, specifically dinnertime on weekdays. This freed me up to catch a show at the DNA Lounge last Tuesday that I was very afraid I might have to miss: the SF debut of *Cords*, a young and awesome band from Holland, named by Melody Maker as Pick Hit for '93. I barely noticed the tiny print in the DNA ad that this band was opening for Low Pop Suicide, which was in bigger print. I've had an advance cassette and press package for Cords for what seems like five or six months now and it has become the most hands-down wailing supreme release I've heard all year. Because of the DNA Lounge's showtime schedule being on the early side, it seems as if for the better part of ten years I've missed many an interesting band due to my work schedule. Unexpectedly, that schedule became free time last week, so I high-tailed it to catch the early set by a band rich and swollen with lust, heat, power and conviction; the very spirit of rock 'n' roll.

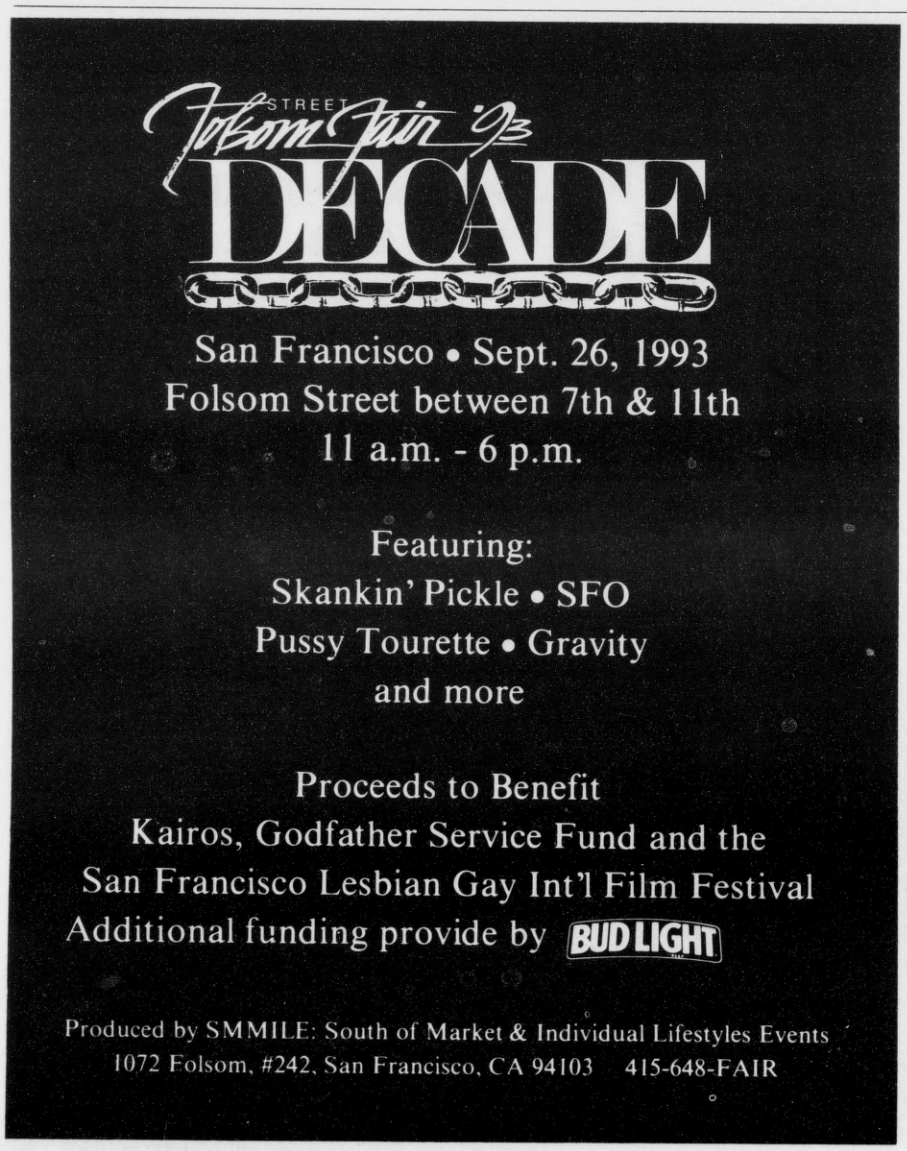
Live, Cords rang out like a wake-up call compared to the sleepy offerings of many post-"Alternative" or post-"Grunge" acts who've made the big time lately, like Pearl Jam, Stone Temple Pilots, the Lemonheads or other such bands looking stupid while doing "MTV Unplugged". I just loved Pearl Jam's vocalist striving for acoustic intensity while sounding like a bleating goat. Some bands just shouldn't be on MTV Unplugged. Perhaps an MTV Buttplugged show every Sunday would be good. David Bowie could be first. Then Janet Jackson, seeing as how she has discovered sex. Oooooooh, Wilson Phillips! "Kris Kross will make you... plug plug." Okay, enough—no, wait—Ice Cube. He has to have one too. Now I'm through.

The Cords show was predictably underattended, since they were the first band to go on and most people arrived at the club well after their set. Poor them for missing out on what could figure to be an early show in a smaller venue by a band that will one day be huge and influential. I certainly hope so because I called every fag and straight girl I could think of who might like to join me for the show and I had absolutely no takers. I almost decided to skip it myself but I popped into a friendly neighbor's house and they were watching *And the Band Played On* and smoking pot. After of a couple of hits I considered the movie before me and recoiled in slight disgust. Something about that HBO production really bugged me. Perhaps it was the well-known stars flooding the cast, looking almost like they were showing the world that their involvement in *ATBPO* proved a certain level of social consciousness and concern in regard to the AIDS crisis. No doubt the entire cast is very aware of the effects of this disease from personal experience, having probably lost a loved one like most of us. However, it somehow perturbs me that heterosexual actors are playing homosexual roles and they don't look homo and if they were anyway they wouldn't be with the type of male lover they are cast opposite and little details like that. I suggested that maybe *ATBPO* would be better with poppers, like anal intercourse supposedly is also. I wonder if Phil Collins, who plays a gay bathhouse owner, has researched this point. At any rate, I chose to rush off and watch another band play on.

Awesome, from Holland: Cords. Photo by Melanie Weiner.

I often walk around with a Cords song playing through my head, ever since I got their tape in the mail. I'm glad the record company (TVT) subsequently mailed a CD, for I took the tape to work and it immediately disappeared, it was so well-liked. The album is called *Taurus... No Bull*, and it is positively, as the title implies, the most satisfying, forthright, no-nonsense rock 'n' roll disc to hit a player this year so far. Fronted by Simone Holsbeek, an enchanting woman who plays guitar on a few songs but more notably possesses that great growling beautiful wild force-of-nature type voice, Cords has two qualities that make it a shoo-in at my house: a tough female vocalist who screams well and multi-layered rock guitar slathered in feedback and effects and delivered with enough force to be described at times as Wagnerian. Cords' debut, *Taurus... No Bull*, definitely boasts these things with heat, mastery and passion, not to mention the gripping lyrical style, its short, potent statements of honest anger, dreamlike evocations of claustrophobia, a deceased friend, global warming, and one's unique qualities shining through the stagnation of the majority. My favorite cut is called "Taurus (Star)" in which the searing instrumentation is dominated by a repetitive guitar riff, oddly timed and dripping with corrosives, that wraps itself around the verse: "One day you're going to wake up/ And then you'll see what's going on/ Your dream is full of gold/ You're so pretty/ You're so smart/ And you're never getting old/ Star, you gonna make it/ Star, but can you take it?" When Simone sings the word "Star," she does so in unison with the guitar riff, her voice matching in intensity. Also check out her sarcastic reading of the words "Number one" later in the same cut. This is a unique voice that haunts, soothes and punches the heart and brain.

That night at DNA the band took the stage at 10 pm and opened with their first single, "Eat Your Heart Out." Simone—with hair hanging in her face, guitar strapped on, and stomping around in a circle in time to that song's unforgettable main riff—right away showed she had goddess potential. When she sang, she earned a place in my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mind alongside the likes of unforgettable company like Patti Smith, Kim Gordon and Kim Deal. It was a voice that I predict will become very familiar to many before too long. Unfortunately at the DNA Lounge there was but a mere handful of people in attendance to witness some exciting musical greatness. Those who were there didn't seem familiar at all with Cords, but taking a face inventory of the timid crowd hanging at the bar showed looks of surprise as the set progressed, excitable disbelief and even a smug and knowing smile or two followed by loud cheering indicating this band was proving itself to some at least.

While Cords offered up truth, the empty expanse in front of the stage was suddenly occupied by three guys, all buddies, who proceeded to offer up some proof of their own—proof that they were the most thrownback, retro-confused, glue-sniffing hippies to ever slam dance inappropriately. No shit, smashing into each other, linking hands together and spinning real fast until they were too dizzy and fell down, etc. It was my guess that they were all probably conceived behind a porta-potty at a Grateful Dead show 20 years ago. Standing to the side, wanting to kill them, I was occasionally banging my head a bit to the beat, when one of the wretched threesome who as toddlers accidentally ate mom and dad's peyote stash saw my movement and danced over near me, flashed me a peace sign, and motioned for me to join them. I promptly screamed, "Get the fuck away from me or I'll kill your miserable hippie ass!" He was gone before you could say, "D'ya have any acid?"

The Cords set concluded and the whole band began breaking down their own equipment, able-bodied Simone hoisting monitors right along with the guys. When I saw her with a free moment I walked over and said hello, proceeding with a full-on tongue-tied gushing fan routine. I told her how I'd been waiting anxiously for their SF appearance and their record was my favorite of the year. The way her face lit up was almost indescribable, like she had never been paid such a compliment. I gave her my address and number and when I told her I was a music critic she got even more ecstatic. I simply put things to her just as I do to our young local bands of merit. I asked her to get in touch with me upon return to SF because "I'm here to help." "Thank you so much. We'll come back as soon as we can," she said in parting.

FAG BASH: HOMO TRAGEDY OR GOOD IDEA

Last Saturday Klubstitute featured a night of entertainment that culminated with Fag Bash. Sounds like a more fitting end for one of those heinous gay events like the Cable Car Awards, the Emperor/Empress Ball or some other non-profit gay benefit pocket-lining scam event (that's scam event, not scat event!), not the way our warm and fuzzy Klubstitute might conclude a night of Queer Cabaret, at least not until now. With only two gigs to their credit, it felt a bit like a coming-out ball for a brand new SF band that goes by the name of Fag Bash. I can hear the winces and moans of political incorrectness issues over the name right now and I think it's funny. After their phenomenal set that night, Fag Bash, the four piece all-fag full-fledged rock 'n' roll band for queers who deserve it, is likely to be around for a long time. At long last there's finally a local band with not just one or two fags and a special tactical plan for dealing with the straight press, one calling for sexually ambiguous sugar-coating. Nope, we've finally got what could be a dream come true, four hot fag rockers, no apologies, much shirtlessness, a song inspired by moi called "Crack Daddy," and a male homo band that can stand up to all the tough dyke bands in town. Look for Fag Bash at the Castro Street Fair's main stage at noon on Oct. 3, and also a live date upcoming at Defect, the Friday night club at Paula's Clubhouse where Fag Bash guitarist Paul and I, Don Baird, spin the records that make the whole world touch themselves, sweat and want more. Defect will also be featuring upcoming gigs by Daddy's Protein on Friday, Sept. 17, and Spokepoker in the near future. It's a great new club not to miss. The music is the focus and we dish it up from Dead Kennedys to Appolonia 6. It's hot—we're easy, where are you, queers? ✿

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GENE PRICE

Porcelain

Chay Yew's beautifully crafted and intensely moving *Porcelain* is an indictment of racism, homophobia and the myriad thoughtless social indifferences that can erupt into a crime of passion. While murder is its focal point, Yew's drama is about loneliness, loving and rejection. Successful runs in London (where it won two Fringe Awards), Dallas and Los Angeles preceded its Northern California premiere as Theatre Rhinoceros' 16th season opener.

Yew wrote the play in response to media coverage of a number of arrests for gay sex in Boston University restrooms. Transferring the setting to London, where such sexual activity is called "cottaging" (public restrooms were originally designed to look like mini-cottages), the playwright created a vocal montage to depict and comment on the murder of a Caucasian man by his young Chinese lover.

Initially staged for five actors sitting on stools facing the audience, the drama has been opened up by director Adele Prandini to create a series of "sound bite" vignettes on Iva Walton's stark, metallic-framed platforms. Wendy W. Gilmore's bleak lighting design segues the feverishly paced action from the streets of London to a TV studio to a public lavatory to the lovers' bedroom, and to the jail cell of young John Lee. Grimy, upended toilets and a blood-smeared outline of a body against dirty white tile offer shocking counterpoint to the dialogue's cadences.

Porcelain opens with a chorus of random street voices rising to a crescendo of six vocalized gunshots, followed by a TV newscaster (John J. Gardiner) asking sundry passersby such typical inanities as "Do you think toilet sex spreads homosexuality?" The commentator also interviews Dr. Worthing (Michael Duden), the arrogant and indifferent court-assigned psychiatrist.

Fragile, withdrawn, unrepentant, the 19-year-old John Lee (Phil Begin) does not at first respond to the psychiatrist's aggressive probing. Having admitted his guilt, he seems uninterested in preparing a defense for himself and sits on the floor of his cell calmly folding the 1,000 blood-red origami cranes that will, in Japanese myth, grant his wish.

The devious psychiatrist is not above fabricating an unhappy affair of his own in order to break down Lee's reserve, and the young man tentatively unfolds a story of emotional deprivation as both an Asian and a homosexual. An invisible entity in the gay bar scene, he is reduced to anonymous "cottage" sex. After an encounter with 26-year-old William Hope (Dean Rehman), he is delighted to be invited for a drink and a visit to Hope's apartment. The two meet for sex over a period of several months but always in Hope's apartment, where they listen to recordings of *Madame Butterfly* and *Carmen* (both disconcertingly obvious examples of life imitating art). But the affair soon disintegrates into savage sexual assaults, with the drunken Hope raping Lee. Performed in semi-darkness with both actors fully dressed and not actually touching, the scene is frighteningly realistic. Eventually, Hope, who claims he is not "queer" but is just in it for the sex, rejects Lee. Secretly, following Hope to the public restroom where they first met, the devastated Lee, unsuccessful in his plea for a reconciliation, fires six shots into Hope and then cradles the dying man in his arms.

As he sits folding cranes in his cell, Lee says to the psychiatrist, "I have him where I want him. I've finally got Will all to myself."

Earlier Lee had used porcelain as a metaphor for his own feelings of being outside society's

"Porcelain"—a beautifully crafted drama at Theatre Rhinoceros. Photo by Steve Savage.

pale. "Coarse stone powders and clay fused by intense temperatures to create something so delicate, fragile and beautiful... two opposites thrown together to create beauty."

As delicate and fragile as the porcelain he speaks of, actor Phil Begin delivers a remarkably restrained and touching performance in conveying his desperate need for love and his subsequent sense of loss. Dean Rehman exudes considerable charm and sex appeal as Will Hope, the "great white hope," whom Lee looks to as a resolution of his own shame and self-hatred. Spencer Aste was especially funny as a gushing queen in a TV interview and then gave the play's most emotionally compelling performance as John Lee's angry, brokenhearted father. Duden's characterization of the psychiatrist was enigmatic. I could understand the character's basic disinterest in a court-appointed criminal client, but his unrelentingly callous attitude was both off-putting and unmotivated. It's a powerful play and Prandini's production is a smashing success.

Porcelain continues at Theatre Rhinoceros through Oct. 16. Highly recommended. Call 861-5079.

Crazy for You

Crazy for You is a humdinger, as nearly perfect a musical as has come tapping into town in many a moon. With the remarkably talented Karen Ziemba as Polly, the only girl in a deserted mining hamlet of 157 men, could it be otherwise?

The plot, a frivolous throwback to the song-and-dance musicals of the '20s and '30s, is as predictably silly as they come. Bobby (James Brennan), New York playboy and frustrated dancer, is dispatched by his domineering banker-type mother to foreclose the mortgage on a run-down theater in Deadrock, Nevada. The dusty theater is the living memory book of Polly's father (Carleton Carpenter, as endearingly gangly today as he was as an MGM musical juvenile), and when Bobby arrives he not only falls in love with Polly, he resolves to put on a show and save the theater.

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Crazy For You

York chorus girls to the rescue, disguises himself as Bela Zangler, the New York producer, and calls rehearsals. There are setbacks, of course, in the best Garland-Rooney tradition. Bobby's battle-axe of a mother arrives pushing her overheated Rolls down the street (''I'll never buy another foreign car''), his self-proclaimed fiancee (Kay McClelland) flounces in to create her own brand of havoc along with a show-stopper called ''Naughty Baby,'' and the real Zangler arrives, allowing for a wonderfully hung-over duet with mirror-image Bobby called ''What Causes That?''

There are corny jokes and slapstick comedy galore, a brief visual pun on *Les Miz*, some of the best chorus dancing ever, and star turns by irrepressible tapper Brennan and girl-next-door Ziemba. Plus a dozen classic Gershwin tunes and four recently discovered songs. A quartet of scruffy miners sing, ''Bidin' My Time''; Polly and Bobby dance to ''Shall We Dance?'' and ''Embraceable You''; Polly sings ''Someone to Watch Over Me'' and ''But Not for Me''; and Bobby solos on ''They Can't Take That Away From Me.''

One of the nicest surprises was the appearance of Susan Kathy Pyles (dancer/singer in the recently closed *Cole!*) as one of the chorus cuties. She's a superb dancer, and wherever she is onstage you're watching *her*.

Written by Ken Ludwig (*Lend Me a Tenor*), directed by Mike Ockrent (*Me and My Girl*) and with the bright, fresh choreography of Susan Stromen (*And the World Goes 'Round*), this musical picked up every major award last year. Deservedly so. You'll love it.

Crazy for You continues through Oct. 16 at the Golden Gate Theatre. Call (415) 776-1999 or (510) 762-BASS.

Dancing at Lughnasa

Brian Friel's semi-autobiographical memory play unabashedly fuses sentiment with sentimentality in the poetic narration of Michael (Charles Dean), who is both man and boy in Berkeley Repertory's handsome production of *Dancing at Lughnasa*.

Five unmarried sisters and their brother share a house a few miles outside of Ballybeg, in County Donegal. The time is 1936 , the world is at peace (though the war in Spain exercises a romantic pull for one character) and the sisters' contact with the outside world is through their ''Marconi,'' a battery-operated radio that sporadically fills the kitchen with romantic dance tunes.

Penelope Kreitzer is Kate, breadwinner and teacher who stands firm guard over the family's social and moral well-being. Lorri Holt is mousy, defensive Agnes, whose knitting needles turn out the gloves that contribute to the meager income of the household. Stephanie Hunt is pouty, mildly retarded Rose, coming into womanhood ill-equipped to handle her body's stirrings of sexuality.

In an especially sensitive performance, Shannon O'Hurley is Chris, young unwed mother of Michael, whose pensive demeanor comes alive on the few occasions when the boy's father, failed salesman/dancing teacher Gerry (Charles Shaw Robinson) wanders on to whirl her through a Fred-and-Ginger routine and another offhand promise of marriage. But it is Linda Hoy as the irrepressible Maggie who sets the tone of this bittersweet *Dancing*. Fairly bursting at her ample seams with good-natured, boundless love and hope, she is a chattering playmate to the invisible 7-year-old boy, a frivolous, heel-kicking, cigarette-smoking, maternal bulwark against Kate and a repressive fate. As self-proclaimed chef, she can turn two eggs, a tomato and hot baked soda bread into a feast for six.

Brother Jack, back home after 25 years as a Catholic missionary in an African leper colony (his mysterious recall may have something to do with going ''native'') gives glowing descriptions of the ceremonies celebrating the Ugandan goddess Obi. Christianity and pagan ritual are now one in his mind.

It is the festival of Lughnasa, a celebration of Lugh, pagan god of harvests, that shatters the sisters' decorum in a spontaneous moment of life-affirming dancing. Having discussed whether or not they will go to the festival, they are firmly put down by Kate, who reminds them they are no longer young and would be subjected to ridicule.

Dancing at Lughnasa at the Berkeley Rep. Photo by Ken Friedman.

In the gloom of silence that follows, Maggie puts down the lump of dough she is kneading, smears her face with flour, lifts her skirts and launches into a frenzied jig. The release is more than the sisters can sustain. One by one they join in a catharsis of abandoned pagan spirituality.

Framed in poignant silences, a second act, less plotted than atmospheric, leads the sisters into a future where even meager happiness is not within reach.

Having seen this play a year ago in London, I was most impressed with that production's ensemble work. In director Richard E.T. White's staging, the individual actors seem more strongly defined, stepping outside the ensemble framework to create solo moments of their own.

Kent Dorsey's open kitchen with its centered fireplace, long work table, walls open to the grassy hills, and scrim-hidden African mask images over the thatched roof, is flooded with the autumn lighting of Derek Duarte. Christine Dougherty's drab, ill-fitting, washed and faded house dresses were perfect.

Dancing at Lughnasa continues at the Berkeley Repertory through Oct. 22. Call (510) 845-2700.

Breaking Legs

Tom Dulack's *Breaking Legs* (a Mafioso mangling of the traditional show biz term for ''good luck'') is a fairly predictable, workmanlike comedy that ran for 13 months off-Broadway. Directed by John Tillinger and featuring a cast designed to strike a nostalgic chord in aficionados of television sitcoms, this production is notable for some fine performances by a quartet of pros who know how to play off each other.

The setting is the private dining room of an Italian restaurant and the decor is red, a too-perfect match for Karen Valentine's first-act dress.

Prime mover and shaker is boom-voiced Danny Aiello as Mike Francisco, mob Godfather to Lou (Harry Guardino), Tino (Vince Viverito), and Frankie (Larry Storch). Looking sensational in her very short skirts, Valentine is Lou's daughter Angie who hasn't much to do except sashay on and off and urge Italian soups, antipastos, and mouth-watering entrees on the men until she finally gets to cut loose with a steamy foot-massage bit that leads to a prolonged orgasm.

Playing straight man to the Italian caricatures is Gary Sandy as Terrence O'Keefe, college instructor and playwright. Angie was once a student of his and she has never quite forgiven him for not bedding her. Still unmarried and thirty-ish, and making far more money working for her father than the professor will ever see, she arranges for O'Keefe to meet with her father and his business associates about financing his play. O'Keefe has in mind a few thousand and an off-Broadway opening. Gung-ho Mike, echoed by his cohorts, is thinking more along the lines of a million with a Broadway opening, klieg lights and Connie Chung interviews. Angie is thinking about getting O'Keefe to the altar.

O'Keefe foresees two stumbling blocks. During a meeting between him and his three ''angels,'' Frankie (Larry Storch), a deadbeat, shows up to plead for more time on his loan. Frankie is assured of their goodwill, departs and is followed by the three men. Glancing out the window, O'Keefe is witness to Frankie's fatal ''accident.'' Terrified that his play probably would not pay off, he visualizes a similar personal payoff. He is further discombobulated when his business partners, who profess to know nothing about theater, begin to suggest new titles, the addition of music and the casting of friends and family, especially a niece who plays the accordion.

To nobody's surprise Angie steps in, plants her own legs firmly in place and, in the voice of a determined Godmother, lays down the law.

Hoary jokes are set up and milked outrgeously, but it seems to work. The script's inherent weakness is more than made up for by some fine actors who give it a run for the money.

Breaking Legs continues at the Curran through Oct. 3. Call (415) 776-1999 or (510) 762-BASS

Frisco Dancers at The Victoria

Reviewed by Sharon McNight

Billed as ''Nine Professional Erotic Dancers,'' the women who took part in this event at the Victoria Theatre were an A to Z assortment of styles, shapes and colors. There was no full nudity or even half nudity even though some of the women were, as Grandma would put it, ''half-nekkid.'' Nothing was prurient about the evening; it was in fact rather tame considering the history of the Victoria (aka the Follies Burlesque), where Tempest Storm did her thing with a glove and Blaze Starr had flames... well, you had to be there.

The theater itself looked neat and clean as well. It's always a surprise what a new coat of paint will do for any of us. (I hope the conditions backstage are likewise improved—I once spent a year there, one evening, in a leaky basement dressing room.)

Despite its artistic/erotic intentions, the performance began 20 minutes late, and for that there is no excuse. When you bill yourself as professional, act that way.

Bonnie was the only traditional ecdysiast, using her costume as a prop as she spun around and

Frisco Dancers present a series of erotic dance concerts. Photo by Kim Stringfellow.

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around. I hadn't seen this much spinning since Tiffany Jones, the Texas Tornado. All the women should get medals for dancing in patent leather hip boots with five-inch heels.

I suppose the "hot steamy moves of the '90s" were represented by a hip-hop duo, but somehow I found kneepads and quick, jumping movement far from erotic.

Stevie opened the program with a graceful, fluid dance. She was the evening's Cyd Charisse, the classical ballerina whose music didn't drown out the sounds of her gentle footfalls; she was moving poetry. But the one with the real "moves" was Carolina. Physically she resembles Anna Nicole Smith, the blonde in the Guess Jeans ads. There's a lot of woman there, folks, and she's spreadin' it around. She made use of her stage, the proscenium arch and the floor, and her classic entrance from behind the couch was a spectacular introduction for this blond bombshell with the milky skin.

The "performance artist" of the evening was dancer/gymnast Lydia, who has achieved considerable success as playwright/actress Danielle Willis. Her image is almost Elvira-like, with her dark black hair and long legs, back-rolling and splitting. Her first solo, "Black Dahlia," was unexpected and a bit confusing. Lydia was trying to make a statement here, but it didn't get across either because of the venue's technical shortcomings or because we, as an audience, weren't able to shift gears fast enough to take in what we were seeing.

But the woman who showed the most variety was Bootsie, who, in only two numbers, showed a contrast of true style. Her first performance, as a lady cab driver, displayed her muscular legs in the most inventive costume of the evening. It was good, strong, high-heel dancing, energetic and full of personality. In the second part, she was slow and controlled, moving quietly and intensely, in a manner that Martha Graham would be proud of. Her versatility was greatly appreciated.

Cole seemed to be the most inventive with her solo "In the Mood Swing." She utilized two Japanese face masks and an eerie black light for an unusual visual that, with better direction and focus, could have stolen the show.

Parts of the program were enjoyable, but on the whole it was too long. Daisy Anarchy did seven numbers that all looked pretty much the same. Despite frequent costume changes, hers was still a one-trick pony. There was talent and energy there, and all it needs is better direction.

In Frisco Dancers program notes, Daisy Anarchy speaks of erotic dance as a celebration of being a woman. More to the point, she writes, "We are using Frisco Dancers as a vehicle to let people know that working conditions in most of San Francisco's clubs have been deteriorating... Our employers have begun to illegally call us independent contractors, taking away our wages and our legal rights as employees... we must pay 'stage fees' to work... we don't have access to the legal resources that employees do." Daisy signs off with a quote from anarchist and early birth control advocate Emma Goldman: "If I can't dance, I won't join your revolution." Right on, Emma!

Gay Theater Gala!

by Tom W. Kelly

On Oct. 18, the very new San Francisco chapter of Artists Confronting AIDS (ACA SF) will host a benefit titled *The Performance of Our Lives*. All proceeds from what promises to be a fabulously fun fundraiser in the Grand Ballroom at the Holiday Inn Union Square will be used to support locally produced theater in an ongoing effort to "demystify AIDS, which is veiled in ignorance and misinformation."

Entertainment at *Performance* will abound, with comics and singers from the Bay Area and Los Angeles, including Tom Ammiano, Val Diamond, Michael Kearns (LA writer and actor), Sharon McNight and Peter Mintum. Special appearances by "Camille" and the Cast of *Queen of Angels* will supplement a "bevy of well-known Bay Area performers." Donald Eldon Wescott will act as musical director. The environs will be transformed into what they describe as a carnival/circus atmosphere with sideshow performers including a very well-trained 'elephant'(?!). *Performance* is made possible with support from Julie Harris, Della Reese and B.D. Wong. Formal attire is optional.

For the past ten years ACA has operated exclusively out of Los Angeles, where it has provided "critically acclaimed and highly regarded performances of and about AIDS." Its outreach expanded via touring circuits to much of the United States. But with the addition of the SF branch (and stacks of approved paperwork), it is now officially a state-wide organization.

As a tax-exempt, nonprofit foundation started by actor Michael Kearns and playwright James Carroll Pickett, ACA's stated purpose remains constant: "To explore how theater artists can affect the AIDS crisis and how AIDS affects theater artists." They believe that "artistic expression can confront prejudice in universal terms, inspiring action that results in change." Additionally, ACA hopes to "fight complacency about AIDS, a seemingly inevitable occurrence with such a 'long-running' disease."

Director Kelly Hill and his lover Jim Ponder will head the San Francisco branch. The couple has had a longtime commitment to presenting high quality gay theater to the Bay Area. Under the auspices of Ponderhill Productions, they recently produced the challenging and dark *Queen of Angels*. Hill has received critical and popular recognition for his directing work—most recently for *Bent* (produced by Theatre Rhinoceros)—including a Cable Car Award for Outstanding Production and a nomination for a Bay Area Theatre Critics Circle Award for Best Director.

Hill states that upcoming projects will be "solicited from among our diverse, prolific and very talented theater community." He adds, "I've always sought out new work, as opposed to established plays. But we're certainly not limited to that. We want the best AIDS materials. The unheard voices. Personal stories. I'm even considering commissioning a script about someone who doesn't have AIDS, to get the other side of the coin. A friend of mine has a mental disorder. But services have been gutted so that AIDS services can be expanded. Therefore, he's considered converting to HIV-positive to get help. Now that's a scary situation!"

Diversity of format and approach are encouraged. Hill explains that "I'd like to see the organization address the context of AIDS in other parts of the world. I don't want HIV to be myopic. We'll seek out and produce plays about AIDS in the women's and heterosexual communities." Works in progress will also considered. "If we've got somebody whose work is interesting to us, we'll definitely consider helping that along with readings and such. And possibly to commission works, depending on how our funding goes." And, of course, that's where a hearty turnout at *The Performance of Our Lives* comes in.

Hill fully commits the talent and energies of ACA SF to the promise that "Each proposed production will present challenging, top-notch professional theater to the public."

Anyone wishing to make a contribution, send a script and/or join the efforts of ACA, contact Kelly Hill or Jim Ponder at (415) 864-2374. Contributions are welcome. Checks should be made payable to "Artists Confronting AIDS" and mailed to 555 Fulton St., #107, San Francisco, 94103.

The Performance of Our Lives takes place in the Grand Ballroom, Holiday Inn Union Square, 480 Sutter St., on Monday, Oct. 18; 7 pm cocktails, 8 pm curtain. $100 exclusive reserved seating adjacent to stage and $35 general seating throughout the ballroom. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (415) 864-2374. ✿

Company members perform "Change of Heart" at OSF's Daedalus Project, a benefit that raised over $50,000 to fight AIDS. Photo by Amy Billingslea.

Sanity Prevails at Oregon Shakespeare Festival

by Tom W. Kelly

What with all the bad news about homophobia in Oregon, brought to us by the hate-mongering of the Oregon Citizens Alliance (the infamous OCA), one could easily assume the whole state condemns lesbians and gays. However, such is not the case, and the Oregon Shakespeare Festival (OSF) is a sterling example. Its Daedalus Project—a fundraising spectacle for AIDS-related charities—recently raised $51,500!

Established in 1935, OSF is among the oldest and largest professional regional theater companies in the United States. It stands proudly by its commitment to support "what it means to be a human being interacting with other human beings on this planet," as stated by Henry Woronicz, OSF's artistic director. Repeatedly supporting causes for gays and lesbians, its members rejected an NEA grant of $49,500 during the Helms censorship controversy. They also publicly denounced Oregon's proposed-but-defeated homophobic Measure 9.

Daedalus, an inventive and caring father out of Greek mythology, constructed wings for himself and his son to escape imprisonment. An appropriate name for a cause devoted to providing deliverance from some of the financial worries of people with AIDS, started in 1988 by actor/director James Edmondson. Last year's efforts raised more than $45,500. Of that amount $43,500 benefited OnTrack, Inc. and the Alan F. Collins Memorial Foundation. OnTrack is Southern Oregon's "longtime community leader in innovative programs...providing counseling services to those affected by HIV disease and AIDS for the past six years. In June of 1990, these services were enhanced to include advocacy, and eventually hospice care for Alan Collins, a PWA. The Alan Collins AIDS Project was then established... to fulfill the needs of clients affected by HIV disease and AIDS and to provide a wide range of counseling and treatment services." Also disbursed was $1,000 to The Names Project and $1,000 to Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS.

This year, of course, OSF's goal was to surpass last year's total. And that they did with a total of $51,500. OnTrack and the Alan F. Collins Memorial Foundation received $46,000. The remaining money was distributed as follows: $1,000 to Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS in New York, $1,000 to The Names Project, $1,000 to Cascade AIDS Project in Portland and $2,500 to the Rex Rabold Memorial Fund. RRMF serves as a resource for festival company members with life-threatening medical emergencies.

Though the product of much hard work, the Daedalus event rewarded participants and audiences with a wildly good time. Several weeks in advance, performers and other members of the OSF staff donated their time and labor to prepare for the potpourri of festivities. The traditional day of performance, Monday, is the one free day in the artistic company's rigorous weekly schedule.

Starting in the morning and proceeding through the afternoon, an abundance of free events took place, starting in Carpenter Hall and the OSF Courtyard. The Daedalus Green Show offered a very open playbill of song, dance and comedic performances. In addition to the entertainment, there was also a bake sale, art exhibit and silent auction. The Names Project displayed panels from the Quilt, and local AIDS organizations sponsored information booths. Also in the afternoon, a benefit performance of *Baltimore Waltz* added additional proceeds. *Waltz* "illuminates the confusion, misinformation and yearning that people with AIDS and their families often encounter in their struggle to understand the illness and their own fragile mortality." Playwright Paula Vogel waived the payment of performance royalties.

In the evening, a cavalcade of talent filled the Elizabethan Stage with dancing, music, dramatic and comedic performances with actor Paul Vincent O'Connor as master of ceremonies. Perhaps the most popular event was the outrageous Hat Parade (shades of *Beach Blanket Babylon*). Internationally famous gay playwright Terrence McNally (author of *Lips Together, Teeth Apart*, a recent OSF offering) acted as guest speaker. No photographers were allowed during the evening performance as the participants felt the event was too personal and emotionally charged.

Next year's Daedalus Project will take place on Monday, August 15, 1994. Tickets will go on sale May 2, 1994, and will cost $25 each, limited to 4 per person. (Mail orders only and only if postmarked after May 2. No phone or fax orders accepted.) The Daedalus Project... good news for gays and lesbians in currently controversial Oregon. ✿

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Pan-Asian Menu an Instant Hit in Berkeley

Printed along the borders of the menu at Berkeley's **Ginger Island** are trivia tidbits about that famed rhizome, ginger. For instance, I never knew that ground ginger was routinely sprinkled in beer in Great Britain, nor that "until recently in China, at the birth of a child a knob of ginger was tacked at the entryway of the home to absorb the harmful character traits of any visitors," all of which makes reading the menu as fun as eating the food. With a logo designed to look like an elongated map of the continental United States emblazoned with piratey typeface and a primitive palm tree, Ginger Island is China wizard Bruce Cost's latest, and highly successful venture. Set on the chichi Fourth Street corridor next to **O Chame** and across the street from the million-dollar **Kona Kai Farms**, the restaurant occupies the space of the former **Fourth Street Grill**, Mark Miller's renowned temple of Southwestern cookery.

Fourth Street closed on Mother's Day, May 9, and the new crew came in the next day to rearrange stoves, install new equipment with the help of the gas company—whose workers made an unusual Sunday appearance—and prepare for an incredibly fast May 13 opening. July proved to be the greatest money-making month the space has had under any name, and a steady set of regulars, including a large Asian clientele, keep things hopping.

A handsome wooden bar occupies one end of the room, which is subdivided into three dining areas, with spotlights shining down on tables dressed with bundles of orange and yellow chopsticks. Colorful paintings of tropical animals and flora, miniature faux palm trees and a pirate bust complete the scene.

Cost, an expert on Chinese culture and cuisine and former owner of the now defunct **Monsoon**, focuses here on Pacific Rim dishes, adapted to Bay Area tastes. Chef Lisa Schultz executes the menu splendidly, adding the excitement and delicacy that's often missing in even the best Asian restaurants. Rock sugar and salt temper the flavors of spice, chilies and peanuts found in many of the dishes.

A teaser of fresh *kim chee* arrived in a tiny blue dish, with chunks of Napa cabbage, sweet peppers and sesame seeds dressed enticingly in a sweet and sour vinegar sauce. **Indonesian Chicken Satays with Peanut Sauce** ($4.50) brought skewered strips of marinated and grilled breast meat with a side of sweetish spicy peanut sauce. Five **Ginger Island Wontons with Hot Vinegar-Ginger Sauce** ($4.75) arrived plump and steaming in rice-dough wrappers; an authentic-tasting pork and scallion filling nicely contrasted with the clear vinegary broth. An enormous portion of fresh Chinese-style **Egg Noodles with Peanut Sauce** ($5.75) arrived, as specified, at room temperature, with julienne cucumber, cilantro and a chunky, somewhat spicy sauce of chopped peanuts coating the snarled dense noodles.

Service couldn't have been friendlier, but could have been more efficient. Entrees arrived too quickly, even though we asked for plenty of time. And I kept feeling that we were being spied on, but, then, I was spying on them, so I guess it evens out.

Bright Fiestaware plates were brought with each course, helping us to clear our mind's eye enough to switch countries with each dish. Ginger Island's cuisine boldly goes where few venture: the **Thai Yellow Curry Noodles with Sea Scallops and Chinese Chives** ($9.75) may be ordered "extra hot," but I suggest trying them the normal way first. They're plenty hot already, with red chilies and all the other curry paste ingredients tossed with long egg noodles, peppery chives and sweet scallops. I was surprised at how hot this dish was, although our server warned us, and I wondered, as my lips and ears tingled with

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heat and delight, whether many guests would feel the curry was simply *too* hot—but perhaps I'm underestimating the gusto and unique palates of Bay Area diners.

A simply brilliant **Clay Pot of Braised Pork Shoulder, White Turnip and Mustard Greens** ($9.75), served with jasmine rice, still has my mouth watering: This dish cooks "forever," Chef Schultz told me, and the result is much like an Asian pot roast, without the layer of fat I usually find in clay pots. Fork-tender meat, delectable little rounds of *daikon* and leaves of mustard swam in a rich brown sauce scented with star anise, mushroom and soy sauce. A zesty relish of cubed ginger, red pepper and scallions adorned the **Grilled Fish** ($12.50), which in this case was Mako shark, and proved to be a moist and sweet piece of fish surrounded by a thin salted broth with fermented Chinese black beans. Ginger Island's take on Pan-Asian ingredients and cooking techniques flies; in many cases the freshness of produce and innovations results in dishes often better than their classic counterparts.

Desserts, however, are another story. I was beguiled by the **Fresh Ginger Cake with Orange Cream** ($4.75). Although the cream had no trace of orange, the presentation showed little imagination, and the grated candied ginger was flat, the cake itself was moist, spicy and wonderful. And the **Ginger Island Hot Fudge Sundae** ($5) came in a sundae glass with three big scoops of creamy, but not very flavorful vanilla ice cream, with an odd, mysterious-tasting fudge sauce in the bottom of the glass. The "candied" ginger garnish seemed to be dried coins of ginger that were neither sweet nor crisp.

But I won't hold a grudge based on the desserts. An inviting drinks menu includes a made-to-order ginger ale—wonderfully refreshing and light—and a kickass **Moutai** ($9), which includes a chilled shot of clear sorghum liquor (similar to sweet white rum) and a chaser of Tsing Tao beer. A California wine list provides ample opportunity for those who insist on wines with this type of food, even though beer cleanses the palate better and puts out the fire quicker than any chardonnay. An international selection of brews will please any thirsty comer.

Unless you're tired of gingerly prepared gingery foods, head over to Ginger Island for an exciting, affordable and relaxed meal.

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BY CHING CHANG

Soprano Carol Vaness opens the fall season for the SF Opera. Photo by Larry Merkle.

Opera, Opera And More Opera

The opera season in the Bay Area is at hand, and it's off to a good start, all things considered. The SF Opera opened its fall season with its first staging ever of Verdi's *I Vespri Siciliani*, with a very strong cast of stellar Verdian voices in an original new local production. Under the direction of British conductor Charles Mackerras, the restless score of *I Vespri* received an involved, passionate treatment in the hands of Carol Vaness, Chris Merritt, Timothy Noble and James Morris.

The turbulent and convoluted plot came to life in quite arresting ways, and even if one didn't make much of an effort to follow the storyline, this production succeeds by its sheer vocalism. I was not too familiar with *I Vespri*'s story line (based on a 13th century historical event transported into the Italian Risorgimento of Verdi's time), yet most of the time I found myself neglecting the supertitles in favor of becoming wholly absorbed by the conviction and intensity of the singing and tight ensemble work on the War Memorial stage. Despite the fact that each of the principals is indeed a vocal star in his or her own right, it was refreshing to hear an opera where the vocal talent was so well distributed. Even the usual advantage Verdi assigns to soprano roles did not seem to distort the score or the importance of each role in favor of Vaness' portrayal of Duchess Elena.

Visually, however, this production was an appalling disappointment. The bare sets and costumes looked cheap—perhaps that deficit is beginning to show—and those statues and 24-foot columns seemed more appropriately the accoutrements of a suburban shopping mall. Monforte's (the French governor in Sicily, sung by Timothy Noble) palace in Act III even had a giant painting which had a remarkable resemblance to the cover of that pesky Church of Scientology "Dianetics" paperback. But then, if you have the likes of Chris Merritt (he's even lost some of his stridency) or Carol Vaness engaged in luscious, generous outpourings of Verdian lyricism, who cares about the visuals? If you like voice, voice and voice in your operas, this *Vespri* is highly recommended.

DAUGHTER OF THE REGIMENT

The second offering of the season by the Opera comes as a colorful production of Donizetti's *Daughter of the Regiment*. Led by Bruno Campanella, the cast features Kathleen Battle in the title role, tenor Frank Lopardo as her suitor Tonio, the Belgian baritone Michel Trempont as Sulpice and Felicity Palmer as the Marquise of Berkenfeld. It also featured the British actress Mollie Sugden in the speaking role of the Duchess of Krakenthorp. (Incidentally, if you are a fan of the PBS British comedy series *Are You Being Served?* in which Sugden stars, she will be making an appearance at 1 pm this Saturday at the SF Opera Shop, Van Ness and Grove.)

Overall, this is a charming, light hearted production, and the perfect wholesome opera to take your mom to, in the absence of a date. Sung in French, it's full of charming duets, hip-hop toy soldier choruses, and plenty of dizzying coloratura and bel-canto acrobatics, which, of course, is Kathleen Battle's prime territory. It seemed as if half of the opera's running time was spent on Battle's cadenzas. Though this was her first Marie ever, one felt as if one had heard it all before. How many times do you suppose she has leaped up to that piercing fifth above the tonic of the key before landing on the final note of an aria? As vocally beautiful and astounding as they may be, Battle relies too much on her old tricks, and those of us who have followed her work in the past decade begin to wonder if Battle and that pretty sex-kitten soprano of hers will ever reach puberty. In any case, Battle was well complemented by the acrobatics of Frank Lopardo, whose charming characterization of Tonio I thoroughly enjoyed. His nine high-C's came out very well balanced and in control, not forced at all (possibly aided by the fact that his voice is unusually dark.) I'd rather have Lopardo's version over Pavarotti's strident rendition of the aria any day.

There are several performances of both *I Vespri Siciliani* and the *Daughter of the Regiment* through the first weekend in October. Call the Opera (415) 864-3330 for tixs and info.

PHILHARMONIA BAROQUE

Certainly not the exclusive domain of the SF Opera, opera was also heard this week in a more sane scale at the opening concert set of Philhar-

monia Baroque Orchestra's '93-94 season. Conductor Nicholas McGegan led his orchestra and soloists in wonderfully effective concert-stagings of Purcell's *Dido and Aeneas*. Under the period-performance treatment, PBO was joined by the visiting 30-voice Clare College Choir from Cambridge, soprano Lorraine Hunt in the role of the ill-fated queen, baritone Michael Dean as Aeneas, soprano Lisa Saffer as Dido's confidante Belinda, and mezzo Ellen Rabiner in the choice role of the Sorceress.

Written in 1689 as a dramatic piece of modest dimensions to be performed by the "young gentlewomen" at a dance school, *Dido and Aeneas* seems to be ever so popular 300 years later. I have been to at least three separate productions of Purcell's opera within the past year, but it is of course no surprise that PBO would be the entity to offer the most definitive reading. No doubt that the opera's popularity is in great part due to the famous Dido's lament, a piece all opera buffs hope will be played at their own funeral. One could sense the air crystalize with expectation in the packed audience at the Berkeley performance, as Lorraine Hunt embarked upon her final scene with the spine-raising urgency of the words 'thy hand, Belinda.'

On the same program, Cambridge's Clare College Choir (directed by Timothy Brown) offered marvelous renditions of two Purcell anthems. From Brown's good-looking bunch of English choirboys out stepped a male alto, along with two others singers, to sing the vocal solo parts of the second anthem, "O Sing unto the Lord,"—which left me wondering: How often could one hear male alto soloists from typical U.S. college choirs? For info on PBO's '93-'94 season, call (415) 392-5252. ✿

film

BY GRETA CHRISTINA

The Age Of Innocence

If I had to use just one word to describe this film, that word would have to be: long.

This is a long film.

More specifically, this is a long, slow film in which nothing much happens, but which has some interesting ideas.

Now, I don't have any inherent objections to long films. Some of my favorite films are long. In fact, some of my favorite films are long, slow, arty costume dramas. But when I find myself thinking, "My, what a long film this is," *while I'm in the middle of watching it*, then I know there's a serious problem.

Directed and co-written by Martin Scorsese, the story is set in the 1870s, in New York City's high society. Daniel Day-Lewis is engaged to be married to Winona Ryder. Winona Ryder has a cousin, Michelle Pfeiffer, with a much-gossiped-about past. Daniel Day-Lewis falls in love with said cousin. Daniel Day-Lewis agonizes about having fallen in love with said cousin. Daniel Day-Lewis marries Winona Ryder anyway. Daniel Day-Lewis continues to agonize about having fallen in love with said cousin for the remainder of the film. They never have sex. They kiss once. The film is roughly two and a half hours long.

Like I said—this is a very long film.

I guess it's time now for me to try to be fair. *The Age Of Innocence* is not a terrible film. It has some very interesting ideas, and, at least for a while, it explores those ideas in a fairly imaginative way. The film is at its best when it's examining what the main character, Newland Archer (Daniel Day-Lewis) refers to as the "hieroglyphics" of genteel social intercourse: the language people use to avoid saying what they mean directly, and the hypocrisies of a society in which everyone understands this language but no-one openly acknowledges it.

Another theme that the film explores well is the ways in which people use other people as symbols: symbols of things they want or fear, symbols of ideals they treasure or despise. Archer sees the Countess Olenska (Michelle Pfeiffer) as a symbol of freedom and unconventionality, while the society he moves in sees her as a symbol of instability and sexual anarchy. Archer's fiancee, May Welland (Winona Ryder), sees Archer as a symbol of security and family, a perception he resists by falling in love with the countess. (We don't get much information about how the Countess Olenska sees anybody; more on that subject later.)

For the first third or so of the film, these ideas were at the forefront. I was engrossed in them enough to be able to ignore the rather wooden performances from Ryder and Day-Lewis. (Why do so many American actors try to convey the formality of pre-20th-century aristocracy by walking around like two-by-fours and talking like Margaret Thatcher?)

Unfortunately, the film gets sidetracked. It stops examining how Archer uses his passion for the countess to avoid being trapped into conventionality, and starts taking his passion seriously. The drama of manners turns into a love story. This is a problem, not only because it misses the point, but because the love story is boring. Unbelievably boring. Boring, boring, boring. We're talking fidgeting in your seat, making grocery lists in your head, wishing that Mel Gibson would come along and torch someone's carriage with a flamethrower and wondering if they had flamethrowers in the 1870s anyway. That kind of boring.

Furthermore, the film's tendency to accept and take on Archer's view of the world creates a serious contradiction in the message it conveys. The film focuses obsessively on Archer's feelings about the countess, but doesn't seem to care about or even notice what the countess's feelings are for Archer. I came away from the theater with absolutely no idea about whether she loved him and why. The Countess Olenska was turned into a literary and film icon, The Mysterious Woman (in this case, Mysterious Woman Sub-Genre Number 6: The Mysterious Woman With A Past). In other words, the film does exactly what it denounces society for doing: turning individuals into symbols. This is especially a shame since, of the three main characters, Michelle Pfeiffer turns in the best performance by far.

There is some very nice technical work in the film. The use of lighting and sound is extremely inventive, and the film is lush and beautiful without looking like just another Hollywood epic. But unless you have a lot more patience than I do, I really can't recommend it.

The Trash Bin

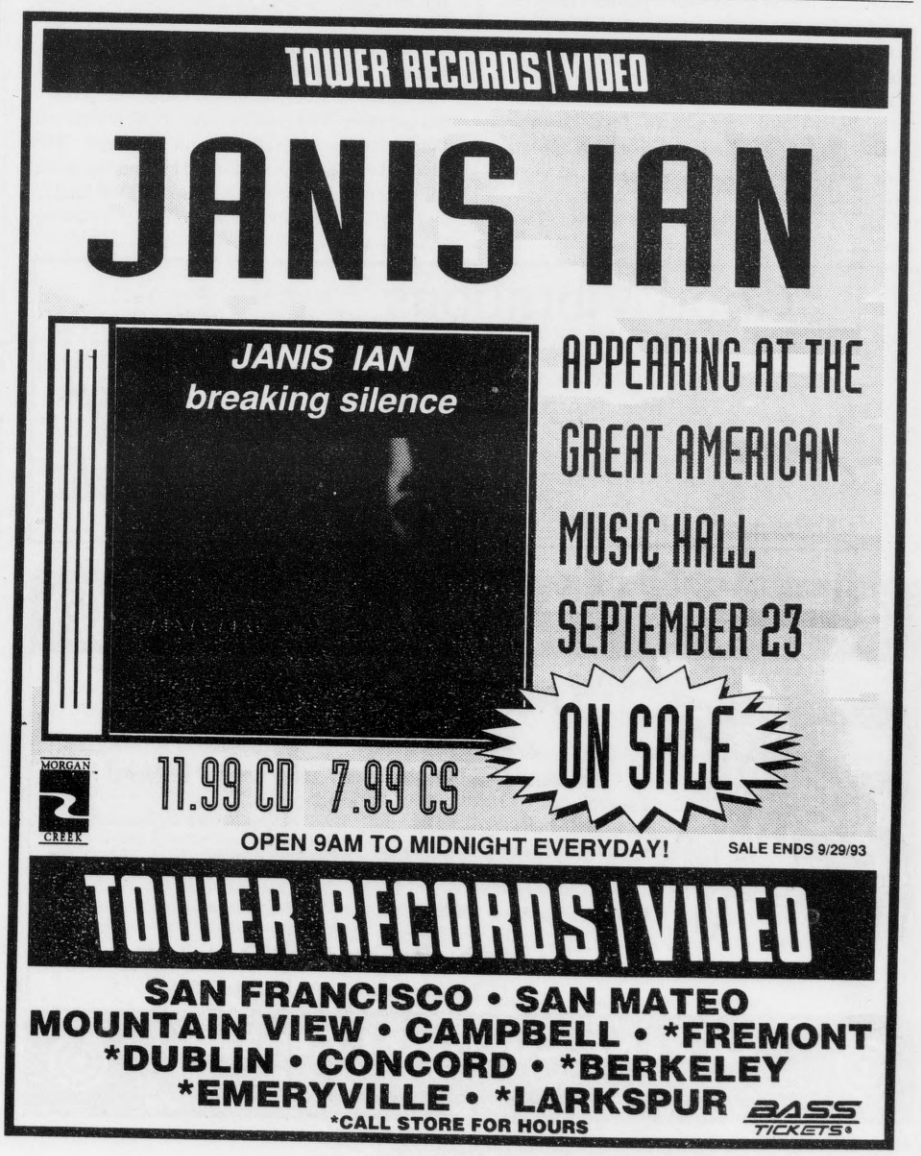
Undercover Blues: I'm almost ashamed to admit I enjoyed this. It's a cheap, trashy, predictable, frequently insufferable, formula adventure-comedy, starring Kathleen Turner and Dennis Quaid, who have no particular chemistry and who seem to have done the roles by mail. What can I say? It made me chuckle. I didn't love it, but I liked it, which was far more than I had expected. Don't be fooled by the ads—the baby plays a very minor role, thank God.

True Romance: Quite a number of very good small performances hung onto an unconvincing love story. Kind of like beads on Silly String. The movie can't decide whether it's a harsh look at the grim reality of violence or a wacky caper flick. As a result, it's too silly and romantic for the one, too ugly for the other. Christian Slater is competent but not much more; Patricia Arquette does well with what she's given, but, typically for women in Hollywood movies, isn't given much. Mostly she gets to squeal a lot. The good small performances come from Gary Oldman, Dennis Hopper (who for once isn't a nutcase), Brad Pitt, Bronson Pinchot and Christopher Walken. Written by Quentin Tarantino, who seems to think fag jokes are funny.

Police Story 3: Super Cop: I am strongly opposed to pointless violence in movies. I believe that, for the violence to be justified, it must either be (a) integral to the social, political, emotional or artistic point of the film, or (b) entertaining as hell. The violence in this movie is entertaining as hell. Loved it, loved it, loved it, loved it, loved it. A Hong Kong action film, starring Jackie Chan, who has more charisma than any ten American action guys put together. The story is dumb, the production values are lousy, and I had a blast. The filmmakers actually let the hero-guy look like a buffoon now and then. Best parts: the Nintendo-playing drug lord, the helicopter scene, and the woman-action-cop-hero jumping her motorcycle through the air and onto a moving train.

Winona Ryder and Daniel Day-Lewis share a dance in the ever-so-long "Age of Innocence." Photo by Phillip Caruso.

Striking Distance: Bruce Willis plays a cop. That's really all you need to know. Hell, I actually like this kind of movie, and I thought this one was a dog. I hate action movies where you spend half the time trying to figure out what the hell is going on, and even the action sequences are incomprehensible. It's really hard to get hooked into a nice violent fantasy when you keep wondering how the bad guy got out of the burning car. I mean, come on, guys. We're not talking Shakespeare, here. How hard can it be to write a script so that blowing up the car makes sense? Also starring Sarah Jessica Parker, who isn't nearly as cute as she usually is. ✿



Mill Valley Film Festival Looks to Multimedia Future

by Randy Turoff

The first film festival of the season, the 16th Annual Mill Valley Film Festival, is being launched in Mill Valley from Oct. 7-17. In 11 days over 70 films will be presented, along with some very interesting exhibitions, seminars, and a look at the newest developments in video art. This year there will be several interactive multimedia events, along with demonstrations of CD ROM technology and Mac-based digital video productions. It's Marin meets Silicon Cybertech: a blue chip marriage in the making. For those of you who are intrigued with the possibilities of virtual reality, as subject, object and plot device, you won't want to miss the latest feature-length video called *Virtual Love* by Bay Area videomaker Lynn Hershman Leeson (reviewed in this issue).

Big award-winning films are arriving from recent international festival showings at Cannes, Venice, Berlin, Toyko and also from Sundance. The major gay film at Mill Valley this year—which comes directly from Cannes, where it shared Best Feature award—is director Chen Kaige's *Farewell My Concubine*, from China. It's been hailed for its visual and emotional brilliance. Based on Lillian Lee's novel, the film follows the lives and careers of two poor boys who grow up to become classic Chinese opera stars. One of the men specializes in female roles. The relationship between the two as performance partners takes on complex dimensions. Reportedly, the film is lush, lyrical and passionate, as it deals with gender shifting and politics.

The short gay film of special interest this year is the West Coast Premiere of Todd Haynes' (*Poison*, *Superstar: The Karen Carpenter Story*) *Dottie Gets Spanked*. It's about a 6-year-old's fantasy visit to a favorite TV show. *Dottie* highlights the "TV Families" section at the festival. Two other short films of gay/lesbian proclivity are *Lady* by Ira Sachs, and *Sweetness* by Rachel Davies. Both of these make appearances in the section titled "What Have I Done to Desire This?" A longer film, a feature-length documentary about people living well with HIV, called *Living Proof: HIV and the Pursuit of Happiness*, has its own slot at the festival. The film is directed by Kermit Cole and is based on Carolyn Jones' photo sessions with people who are seropositive.

As for the Mill Valley Film Festival in general, the two major films which have been anxiously awaited are Robert Altman's opening night extravaganza, *Short Cuts*, and director Jane Campion's (*Sweetie*, *An Angel at My Table*) critically acclaimed closing night film, *The Piano*. As of this deadline I haven't yet previewed the Altman film, but I have seen *The Piano*, and I can't recommend it more highly for sheer cinematic beauty, brooding moodiness, and deep dark romanticism. Everything about this 19th century period piece which takes place in New Zealand back country is dramatic and turbulent. The characters are as passionate and churned up as the nightmarish ocean smashing against the land.

The Piano takes us to unstylish 19th century places, about as far from a mannered Merchant-Ivory film as one can go. This is about raw will and out-of-control sexual obsession. The heroine is a wild mail order bride with child who's a mute pianist. The outback hero is a native with a body like a fire hydrant. He has spidery tattoos on his forehead and wears ill-fitting plaid pants. The villain is consumed by a violent sexual obsession beneath his gentlemanly manner, and he's gone to seed down under, in the New Zealand coastal rainforest. The acting by Holly Hunter, Harvey Keitel and Sam Neill, who are caught in the deadly triangle, is superb. This film is due to open commercially, so I'll leave the adulations for later.

Another film, on the other end of the scale, which I thoroughly enjoyed for its low key, off-season beach town naturalism and its understated emotionalism, is a film called *Ruby in Paradise*. This little gem is about a young woman coming to understand herself as she comes into her own. Ruby escapes from her roots in rural Tennessee and heads for Panama City, Fla., known as the Redneck Riviera. Arriving poor at the shore off season, with most of the shops and restaurants boarded up, Ruby begins life on her own, starting with just her journal for companionship. As the winter comes on, a voyage of self-discovery ensues, and more characters are added to the chowder. *Ruby in Paradise* is a warm, intelligent, centered film. It's also sexy and psychologically and culturally astute. The direction by independent screenwriter, producer and filmmaker Victor Nunez is completely right. The character of Ruby is played with a decisive balance of understatement and confidence by Ashley Judd (Wynonna's sister, Naomi Judd's little girl) who makes her film debut in this slice-of-life Gulf Coast drama.

A small gem: "Ruby in Paradise" features Ashley Judd and Allison Dean.

Raw, out-of-control sexual obsession: "The Piano" (above), plus the latest from Todd Haynes: "Dottie Gets Spanked."

Swinging off the edge into film noir land, if you like the type, don't miss Thomas Fucci's *Don't Call Me Frankie*, which takes place in a fleabag hotel during the night an earthquake strikes. It was a critics' week favorite at Cannes, and it's one of the gloriously grimy films at this year's Mill Valley Film Festival. For a listing of the other 60-odd films being shown, be sure to pick up the schedule. You can call for box office information at: (415) 383-5346. Tickets are now on sale at BASS ticket centers. ✿

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A Love Story for the '90s: "Virtual Love" depicts a strange new age of relationships. Not to be missed at the Mill Valley Film Festival.

Virtual Love

Reviewed by Randy Turoff

Virtual Love, subtitled "A Love Story for the '90s," is a film worth seeing for its postmodern timeliness, its technical adventurousness, and for the philosophical questions it raises onscreen. By filmmaker Lynn Hershman Leeson, it features Rinde Eckert as both Chip and Barry, twin brothers and virtual reality researchers; Jean Mullis as Valerie, the virtual reality archivist who plants a sexy decoy love interest to represent her hidden desires for Barry into his computer system; Ingrid Hardy as Marie Lang, the blonde beauty blueprint of desirability; and Michael Edo Keane as Dennis, the channel-surfing hoodlum drifter who becomes murderously obsessed with Marie, a sex phone worker whom he first sees on a TV game show—and who is the same woman hired by Valerie, the archivist, to be the prototype for the cyber-siren used to seduce Barry, the researcher.

In addition to this cast of fictional characters, through which the videomaker tells the story of love amid the dweebs in a postmodern laboratory of digitally induced reality-cum-illusion-cum-virtual reality, we have a parallel documentary running throughout which explains the new technology in talking-head format. The talking heads are actually interactive media experts, stars and professors who feed us information from previously conducted and recorded interviews. It sounds more complicated than it actually is.

Two voices, from real talking-head narrators, break through the film story to put things in clear perspective. The first thoughts come from a weird guy with blond dreadlocks and a mad laugh who first coined the term "virtual reality"—someone named Jaron Lanier. He goes on to speak about virtual reality as an extension of the telephone, where data is compressed and information is sent encoded over the wires—the person with whom you're speaking isn't altogether there. In VR, the image of a person stands in for the human being. It's the basis of media communications. R.U. Sirius (the cyberwriter and editor of *Mondo 2000*) says that sex is the only good excuse he can think of for embodiment.

In the film, the ethical questions that arise when Barry starts taking liberties with his simulated girlfriend bother his brother Chip as well as Valerie, who wants his attention for herself. Of course, her self is self-denigrating, and she finds herself undesirable, which leads her to place her exquisite mind-thoughts and seductive fantasies into a digitally manipulated "alias" image using another woman's pretty face and body.

Later on, a character in the film explains that virtual love, like phone sex, is clean, safe, disease- and responsibility-free. As for his "real" girlfriend, she's always changing her personalities and demands, and she's always faking orgasms. Real relationships are always disappointing.

Bay Area professor Todd Gitlin throws in a thought or two about media communication. He says technology makes it easier for obsessive people to extend themselves in the world. It's an interesting point. Even with retro-tech hard copy such as print, one might say the same thing about writers using books, mags and newspapers to produce simulated thoughts or even simulacra of their own thought processes in each attentive reader's mind. If you take the point one step further, writers like Proust really believed literature could make them immortal. In a way they were right — the information patterns Proust wanted passed down through generations were indeed passed down intact between leather bindings and later on microfilm and cassettes. They'll probably travel way into the future with interactive media accessibility, by which the relics of Proust and his world could be brought back to a state resembling life.

Redressing the notion of images, Professor Jane Caputi speaks of how women have been traditionally objectified and reconstructed to be seen, possessed and consumed by men. Another critic, Mary Kroker, speaks of how most of the cybertechies are middle-class white (and I add, nerdy) males who want desperately to leave their bodies behind. Nobody seems to want reality any more because reality = death. A female character in the film confesses, "It was wonderful for a while until he wanted to make it real."

Jaron Lanier sums it up rather well : "The trouble with society is not that it's evil or mean-spirited, it's that it's not connected to the truth." The technology has everything to do with the fear of death.

Virtual Love, the movie, is not only intelligent, creative and post-cutting-edge, it's also suspenseful and a good thriller in its own bizarre way. It's a mind-fucking movie about the ultimate subterfuge of our time. It's playing at the Mill Valley Film Festival on Sunday, Oct. 10. ✿

books

Lesbian and Gay Parenting:
An Interview with April Martin

by Louise Rafkin

April Martin's book *The Lesbian and Gay Parenting Handbook* is a complete, informative, user-friendly book useful to both parents and parents-to-be. Beginning with an examination of the initial, sometimes idealistic, desires behind wanting children, the book moves on to the realities of break-ups, emotional hardships, and even the possibility of death or disability for either parent or child. Even messy and difficult topics are covered: adoption, surrogacy, group parenting, single parenting and both known and unknown donor insemination are all explored conscientiously and straightforwardly. For each topic, emotional, financial and social ramifications are woven together so that no one factor becomes all-important. And effects on both parents and children are discussed.

Dr. Martin, a psychologist and mother of two, recently talked with me about her experiences in writing the book and about some of her parenting philosophy.

(SF Bay Times) What led up to doing this review?

(April Martin) This book came of its own accord. Immediately what led up to writing [it] was getting a call from a publisher who was interested in my work. But I was planning this book for a long time. In my practice I see a lot of people who are considering parenting and questioning how children might fit into their lives. And my own life and children brought me to doing this book.

I think it was a very good idea to start the book with some realistic questions about why we consider parenting. You also address concrete issues like money and time and effects of kids on relationships and sex. One of the questions I'm interested in is whether you see the reasons our community is considering parenting as similar to those of heterosexuals?

I think our reasons for parenting are the same as for straights. But the difference is that gays and lesbians have to overcome our fears about being oppressed and go ahead and do it.

Do you think we are headed toward the heterosexual idealism about family and children? Do you think we will end up thinking that a traditional family equals fulfillment?

We have a social structure now that rewards most if you are heterosexually partnered with children. I would not like to see having children as a lesbian or gay man become something that is rewarded with status in the same way. I don't want this to be anything coercive. I want there to be freedom to be whoever people want to be.

Also, I don't think this kind of idealism is really happening. I don't hear lesbians and gay men saying, "Gee, I don't want to be a parent but I think my mother would like it if I were," or "My friends think I should have children," or "My employer would respect me if I were a parent." I don't hear this kind of coercion which absolutely exists in straight society.

At one point in the book you said that your children don't experience much prejudice. My experience in doing interviews with children is that children do *experience homophobia, both external and internal. This is downplayed in your book.*

I have to tell you that honestly my kids don't encounter homophobia. They understand what is happening in the world. They understand the arguments over New York's Rainbow Curriculum, and they understand that people have a problem with homophobia. But they have never encountered anything personally directed at them. I think it has to do entirely with their attitude. If someone says, "Hey, your mother's a dyke," they say, "Sure she is."

But how much of this is about where you live?

Sure, we live in Manhattan, in Chelsea. Both of my children go to public schools, though my daughter is now going to the Performing Arts School, which is also public. There are progressive attitudes here, we are not living in Louisiana.

Do they have friends who are kids of lesbians?

Not all their friends have heterosexual parents. My kids are 11 and 8 and have basically made friends in school. Because the lesbian baby boom is younger here than on the West Coast they don't know many kids of lesbians their age.

I think kids respond to how their parents present being gay or lesbian. I think that has a whole lot to do with their own acceptance.

Sadly enough, kids don't have a lot of say in how they learn about being gay or lesbian. And it takes a long time and a lot of effort to overcome your own fears about being a gay or lesbian par-

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SMART WOMEN, RADICAL VOICES

Thursday, Sept. 30, Noon-1 PM—Sumi Hoshiko, *Our Choices: Women's Personal Decisions About Abortion.* Why do women choose to have abortions? How does the decision affect their lives? Sumi Hoshiko will talk about the choices and experiences of the 16 women she interviewed for her book. Toland Hall, UCSF Campus, 533 Parnassus. Free!

Thursday, Oct. 14, 8 PM—Trina Robbins, *A Century of Women Cartoonists.* Women have been a part of the comic book/comic strip scene for as long as there's been one, but, as usual, they've rarely been recognized. That is until Trina Robbins began documenting the history of women cartoonists. Come celebrate the release of her new book at this slideshow presentation/book party.

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ent, or at least get to the place where you can fake it.

The book gives very thorough investigation to the hows and whys of getting pregnant, different methods and donor do's and don'ts. You consider legal, financial and familial configurations. The book seems to point at a very fundamental question, which is how much control and ownership do we have over children? How much do kids have a right to information? Do kids have a right to know their fathers? We make very serious decisions for children and these decisions aren't easy.

I struggled with those questions through much of the book. The book forced me to consider my own choices. My partner and I used anonymous donors who are not knowable, but I have recently written the physician who inseminated us and asked if there was any possibility that they could be knowable at some point. When we made that decision we thought, well, he's only giving sperm, who needs to know him anyway? At that point we thought genetic contribution didn't count. But I have come to realize that things are more complicated and that it is not only my decision who needs to know what. Whether my children need to know something is their need. Ideally, I would like every child to have the option to know who their genetic parents are, at whatever point it becomes a question for them.

I think parents have the determining right to form the constellation of the family while the child is growing up. During that time parents can decide who the adults in the family are going to be. But once the child is grown, he or she should have access to information about their biological parents. That holds true for children who are adopted, or children of AI or surrogacy.

The book delves into gay men and lesbians having sex preferences for their children. Have you seen much of that?

Not a whole lot. Some men want girls so they can dress them up, and some women prefer girls because of sexism. It's tough to deal with heterosexual males having all the power, and the thought of raising a child who will become one of the power elite provokes anxiety for some women.

There is a great mix of people in the book. But single parents were slighted somewhat. Few of the interviews are with single parents.

April Martin is the author of the "Lesbian and Gay Parenting Handbook: Creating and Raising Our Families." Photo by Lisa Ross.

That's true. I think it is very hard to single parent. Being a parenting team, even noting the social drawbacks that homosexuals have, you have an easier time than single parenting.

So, you are saying two is better than one, whatever the sexuality?

Yes, but I don't want to say better for the child because there's no question that a single parent can do a great job, but it's hard. The number of resources that you have to martial as a single person are many. You have to make the money, put in time with the kid, find time to nourish yourself, and get some sleep in the process, and do all the arranging of support systems of aunts, uncles, babysitters, everybody!

Not to mention dating...

Yes, and that might conflict with your kid's needs. It's tough and can be tough on kids, too.

You don't shy away from looking at difficult issues in transracial and international adoptions. What do you have to say about these situations?

I don't want to see these avenues used as a way to say, "Get me a baby, any baby." I want people to put serious thought to the fact that a child comes with its own heritage and you can't presume your heritage is enough. You have a responsibility to that child.

You have a chapter on break-ups and difficulties, including partners coming in and out. I found in my work that kids were often resentful of this kind of life. You also have a chapter on crisis and tragedy.

Yes, I was challenged about that because people thought that a parenting book should be upbeat and positive. But I was approached by a mother whose daughter developed brain cancer. She had heard me talk about my son Michael and what happened to us (he died of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome). She told me what I had said had been so helpful to her. She had been prepared in some ways to hear that everything may not always go perfectly. You hope it never happens, but it's in the realm of possibility. I wanted my experience to be in there for other families who might face difficulties and crises.

I don't know many gay men considering parenting, but your book really includes a lot of men. Do you see this as a groundswell?

I think it's happening. I think it's just starting and gay men are reexamining their lives and what they want them to be about. Not only do they now see this as a possible door to step through, but before they didn't even see the door.

I have a feeling that surrogacy will be more available as people give more consideration to the difference between biological parenthood and functional parenthood. As lesbians and gay men we are in a wonderful position to rethink some of society's traditional notions about what one needs to make a family.

The Lesbian and Gay Parenting Handbook, *by April Martin; HarperCollins, $15.* ✿

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Winners of the Int'l Mr. & Ms. Cheeks & Chaps '94 (R-L): Kelly Burlingham, Slam, Jennifer Boyd, Calvin Lindberg, Jimmy Lee Murray and Terry Branoff. Photo by St. Clair Adams.

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Friendly Gesture or Casual Cruelty?

Tits, ass, sex and privacy are a few of the things I would like to discuss in this issue, due to recent experiences I've had. Nowhere in straight or lesbian society is casual tit-grabbing acceptable. Only among homosexual males do I see this behavior, and I think it might be a good idea to look at this and—hopefully—show more respect for each other's bodies.

It was just two Sundays ago on the patio of the Eagle during the beer bust that a passing friend grabbed hold of one of my nipple rings and pulled it hard. The ring was pulled hard enough to make my nipple bleed. For those of you who have had your nipples pierced, you know how painful that can be—especially having them pulled on just three weeks after they were pierced. Any professional piercer will explain that they should not be played with or pulled on for at least three months, because of the potential of infection. I am sure that my friend did not think that they had just been done or that he would hurt me, but that does not make it OK for him to grab or maul someone—even a friend. I became aware of what a big problem this was when my rings were pulled another two times within the next few hours—also by friends.

In talking with many people to get reactions to this subject, I found that nine out of ten of them were against nonconsensual touching. I feel that we as a community have been conditioned to accept this type of physical behavior even though we don't agree with it. I am not angry with my friends, but hope this column may open some people's eyes to the concepts of privacy and respect.

I was disappointed with the responses of a few of our community leaders who told me that because I was not wearing a shirt I had "asked for it." That is the same as saying a woman who wears a red dress deserves to be raped. What I choose to wear is my business and I wear it for either comfort or fashion. A hug, a kiss or even a pat on the ass can be friendly gestures and are generally accepted by friends and acquaintances. Playing with someone's tits or their ass is an act of sex and belongs in the realm of consent. Consensuality in our activities is a source of pride in the leather community. But I am concerned that we are forgetting the meaning of the word "consensuality." Its definition is "to give consent."

After the incident I thought long and hard about the fact that my friend grabbed my nipples not for sex, but as a way of saying hello. My thoughts turned to a question: What are nipples? According to legal definitions, a woman's nipples are considered a sex organ. I believe that male nipples are just as erogenous women's and should be defined in the same way. I can't think of any other reason for nipple play other than sex or self-stimulation. Therefore, I think it should be clear that when it comes to nipples, they should be considered on the other side of the "Privacy Boundary." In my opinion no one has the God-given right to molest anyone's body in any way without invitation. To assume you have been invited when you have not is wrong and could lose you a friend. Showing interest in someone by touching that person in a casual way is OK, but it is the toucher's responsibility to read the response from the other person. If the other person appears uncomfortable and moves away, covering up, saying no, then stop—you are not invited to continue in any manner. If you receive a return touch or compliment, then it looks like you have been given a green light.

BARE CHEST CALENDAR AUCTION

The Bare Chest Calendar auction held at the Eagle Sept. 12 brought in a lot of money for the AIDS Emergency Fund. The models who appeared in the calendar were auctioned off as dinner dates to the highest bidders. The crowd was having fun and was packed wall-to-wall on the patio. Spearheading the event were Mr. Marcus as emcee, and Art Tomaszewski (Mr. Headquarters), Lenny Broberg (IML '92) and myself as auctioneers. The calendar models were very hunky and one of them even agreed to put his underwear up for auction, which sent the crowd into a round of applause.

HEADQUARTERS' ANNIVERSARY

The Headquarters held its second anniversary party on Tuesday, Sept. 14. There was a large and happy crowd of people having a good time. The food was remarkably good and Larry, the owner, was the star of the night. Happy anniversary, Larry, and best wishes on many more.

INT'L CHEEKS & CHAPS

A very loud and excited crowd cheered on the

contestants competing for the title of International Mr/Ms. Cheeks & Chaps 1994, on Saturday, Sept. 18, at the SF Eagle. Entertainment was provided by Deena Jones and the Bay Area Raw Raws, who pleased the throng of attendees. Emcees Greg Byfield (Mr. SF Leather '93) and Donna Shrout (Ms. Northern California Leather '92) were witty and smooth, maintaining the continuity of the event. Mr. Marcus graciously interviewed the guests for the official video (thank you, Marcus). The judges, including Leslie Barclay, David Magennis (SF Leather Daddy's Boy '93), Irwin Kane (SF Leather Daddy X), Mr. Kathy and Douglas Stromberg (Emperor XX After Norton), stated that they had a very hard time choosing, because all of the contestants were suitable for the titles.

I must give credit for the enthusiastic atmosphere to the group from Sacramento. Every year they hold their SF Leather Trek on a bus bound for the Cheeks & Chaps contest and, with their cheering, have encouraged the competition between San Francisco, the South Bay, the East Bay and Sacramento.

The judges chose Kelly Burlingham (Ms. SF C&C '94) as 2nd runner-up; Jennifer Boyd (Ms. Northern California C&C '94) 1st runner-up; and Slam (East Bay) as the new Int'l Ms. Cheeks & Chaps '94. For the men's title, Terry Branoff (independent) was selected 2nd runner-up; Calvin Lindberg (Mr. Northern California C&C '94) was 1st runner-up; and Jimmy Lee Murray (South Bay) is the new Int'l Mr. Cheeks & Chaps '94. The two new titleholders have said they are ready to go to work and need your help and encouragement.

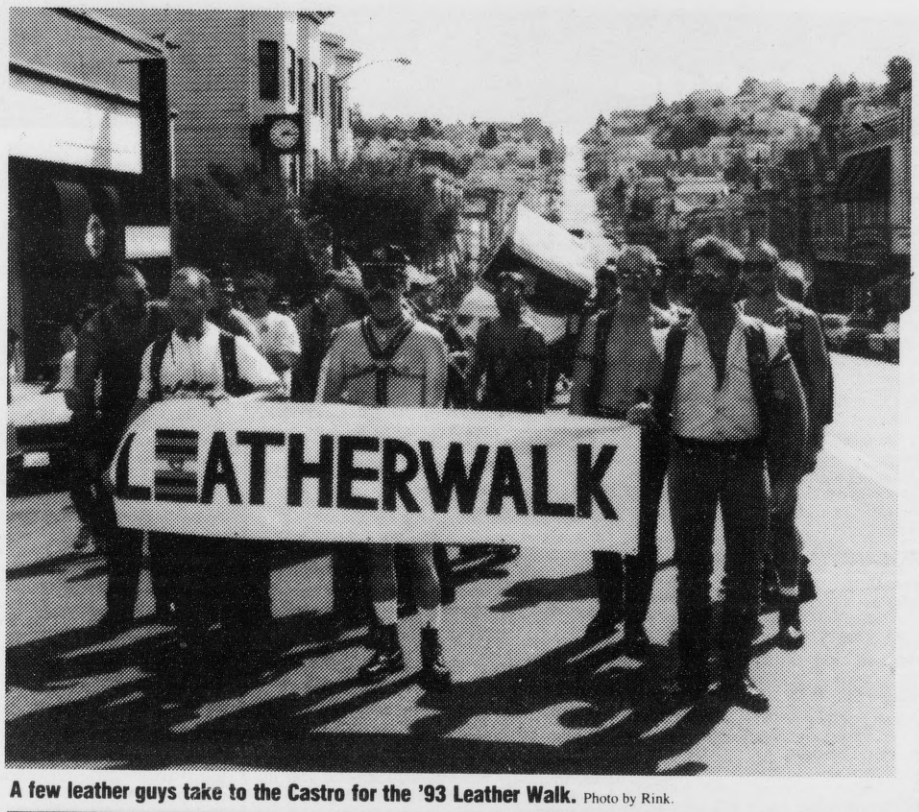
LEATHER WALK 1993

The Leather Walk, headed by Art Tomaszewski, was very successful and raised thousands of dollars for the AIDS Emergency Fund. The large group of walkers left from the Jackhammer and walked to the SF Eagle. I have been told they were a cheerful group and took time to wave and say hello to many people on the street. Each year they gain more and more walkers. I wish future good luck to this great idea!

COMING UP

Fetish & Fantasy: Thursday, Sept. 23, Don Thompson (SF Leather Daddy VIII) hosts the 1993 Fetish and Fantasy Ball from 7:30 pm to midnight at the SF Concourse. All of the proceeds raised will go to the AIDS Emergency Fund. Ten dollar advance tickets are available at all Mr. S Leather Stores, Robb Gallery and at Headlines; tickets at the door will be $12. This is one of the many events that Thompson puts on for our community. Fetish and Fantasy has always been a very well-attended and intense production. I recommend attending this one! The Drummer contestants will be presented along with some fantasies by the Drummer Boys and international guests. DJ Steve Williams and emcee Emerson Briney (Int'l Mr. Drummer '93) will join Don Thompson in guiding you through the dancing, fantasies and costume contest at this leather blast.

Producer extraordinaire Don Thompson, coordinator of many popular leather events, and titleholder to Leather Daddy VIII. Photo by St. Clair Adams.



A few leather guys take to the Castro for the '93 Leather Walk. Photo by Rink.

Int'l Drummer: Friday, Sept. 24, is the Jockstrap and Leather Image portion of the Drummer competition, starting at 9 pm. Because there are so many contestants and so many things to score them on, the competition has been split up over two nights. This portion is $15 at the door.

Saturday, Sept. 25, from 2-6 pm, the Northern California Leather Association of the Deaf hosts a beer bust at the Eagle honoring Emerson Briney (Int'l Mr. Drummer '93). An $8 donation will benefit Project Open Hand and PAWS.

The Mr. Drummer and Drummer Boy contests will be held on Sept. 25 at the SF Concourse starting at 8 pm and will cost you $25 in advance and $35 at the door. Be there to give your support to the outgoing Int'l Mr. Drummer Emerson Briney and Drummer Boy John Hare. Event director Audrey Joseph does a great job each year and gives you a show to remember. See you there!

FOLSOM STREET FAIR

The finale of Leather Week! If there is a place to be on a hot Sunday afternoon, the Folsom Street fair is it. There will be crafts vendors, dancing areas, bands, live performers, hot bodies and plenty of excitement. On Sunday, Sept. 26, the fair begins at 10 am; but in my experience it doesn't really get going until noon or 1 pm. Bring your sunscreen because it is usually hot and sunny. After the fair, the Lone Star, SF Eagle, Headquarters, Jackhammer, Pendulum, the Bear, Watering Hole, Edge and the Rawhide II will all be having parties in some form or another.

SEXART III

From now until Oct. 3 you can check out the salon-style exhibition on sex, sexuality and eroticism for all genders and orientations. I have been told that there are some wild things you might want to go see on display at Mark Chester's Folsom Gallery, 1229 Folsom St.

GOLDEN GATE GUARDS

Oct. 1-3 will be the Golden Gate Guards' 7th annual weekend run at Camp Mendocino. This group can really put on a party and has some of the best food during its runs. Make sure you get your application in before Sept. 27, or it will be returned to you. This run is well-attended and there are no walk-ins. All of the events, food, lodging, etc., will be included in the ticket price of $95. Call Jack at 431-9475 or Lou at 282-8932 for more information. Have fun, guys.

Any leather, Levi or bike club is welcome to send me information on your weekend runs, fundraisers, anniversary parties, etc., so I can mention you in these columns. I support your efforts and would enjoy printing information about your events.

FRESNO LEATHERFEST '93

On the weekend of Oct. 1-3, the Yosemite Chaper of the Knights of Malta is hosting the Fresno Leatherfest '93. The activities planned include a buffet, beer/soda bust, leather fair, barbecue, Mr. & Ms. Central Valley Leather contest, and a farewell brunch. Call (209) 498-0314 for a complete schedule and directions.

SF GDI Club: The SF GDI's are holding an open dinner meeting Oct. 5 at Chez Mollet, 527 Bryant St., starting at 8 pm. The dinner is being held because they are moving their monthly meetings to another location and want to thank Chez Mollet for the support that restaurant has given to the leather/Levi/bike community. Choices of entrees are prime rib $13.95; salmon $12.95; or chicken $11.95.

Leather Elegance: On Saturday, Oct. 9, from 8-11 pm, there will be an elegant leather social gathering at a private home hosted by Philip Turner (SF Leather Daddy XI). The monies raised from this event will go to the AIDS Emergency Fund. There will be a fully hosted bar, hors d'oeuvres, and entertainment provided by Buddy Montgomery, Fred Hughes, Rex Richards and Dave Dobrusky. Tickets are $25 in advance, $35 at the door, $50 benefactor, and $100 sponsor (sponsor tickets include limo service to and from the event). For ticket information, call 621-8550.

Living in Leather: Living in Leather VIII will be held in Houston, Texas, this year on the weekend of Oct. 8-10, at the Houston Sheraton Astrodome Hotel. There will be more than 50 workshops, the Mr. & Mrs. NLA 1994 contest, brunches, play parties, leather crafts fairs and much more. You can call the LIL VIII info line at (415) 863-2444. All those of you who are going: Be careful and be safe, and make sure you have transportation arranged in advance to and from all activities.

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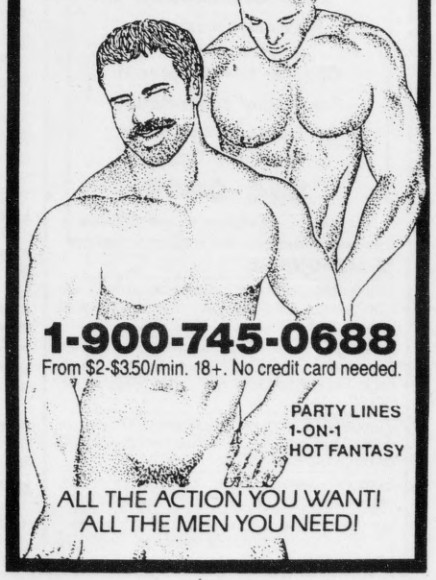
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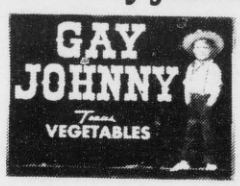

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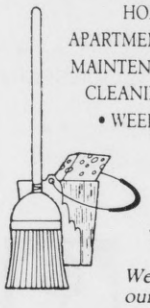

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Reinhardt, a speaker at the Oct. 22-24 Western and Pacific Rim Bisexual Conference in San Diego. "In fact, frequency of intercourse increased because it turned the couple on to share intimate details," says Reinhardt. Other reports at the conference include one on lesbian and bisexual women in Prague from an anthropologist who just returned from the former Czechoslovakia. For more info on the conference, call (619) 259-8591.

• A bylaw change has been proposed that the San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade and Celebration Committee lengthen its name to add the words "Bisexual/Transgender" after "Gay." The second reading of this proposed change will take place at the Oct. 10 general membership meeting.

• On Oct. 11, at 5pm, National Coming Out Day, lesbian and gay couples will meet to celebrate their union at Balboa Park Organ Pavilion in San Diego with a non-sectarian open air commitment ceremony. For more info, call (619) 260-1223 or (619) 291-4814.

Bits & Pieces II: National

• Stonewall 25—the national celebration of the 25th anniversary of the riots that begat the gay/lesbian liberation, as opposed to homophile, movement—is seeking applicants for four staff positions: office manager, business manager, media/public relations coordinator and international affairs coordinator. Apply to: 208 W. 13th St., New York, NY 10011-7799, (212) 439-1031/fax: (212) 626-6965.

• Dr. Jocelyn Elders, an outspoken and honest critic of public health policy, was confirmed as U.S. Surgeon General. Her appointment to the Arkansas Health Department was the best thing former Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton did for AIDS in that state.

• Cantonese-speaking Bay Area residents had the opportunity to air their consumer complaints on radio for the first time on a call-in show launched by Consumer Action and Sinocast on Sept. 13. The show, "Consumer Voices," airs every Monday from 12:30-1 pm on Sinocast, the only broadcasting station in the U.S. with Chinese-language programs on both radio and TV.

• Lt. Gov. Leo McCarthy said recently that California must step up its efforts against crimes of hate in the face of a mounting epidemic of hate-motivated assaults and vandalism. McCarthy called for enactment of a series of measures (SB 559, AB 1296 and AB 1299) designed to help promote intergroup tolerance and to monitor the incidence of hate crimes.

Bits & Pieces III: International

• The third annual "Black & Blue Party," an all-night mega dance AIDS benefit in Montreal on Oct. 10, will mark the closing of Canada's National AIDS Awareness Week. The event, now one of the largest AIDS benefits in North America, is expected to attract a record number of participants this year. The event takes place at the Amphitheatre Bell, 100 de La Gauchetiere St. West.

• According to correspondence from a reader in Germany, the Senate in Berlin wants to close the Gay and Lesbian Counseling Center, which has existed since 1981. It is the only institution offering adequate counseling services for queers. The Feminist Health Center for Women is also threatened. "It is clear that an economic recession is being used as an opportunity to get rid of critical and qualified services that do not belong to the patriarchal and heterosexist mainstream," Ingo Zirks writes. Zirks urges letters to: Dr. D. Staffelt, Christa-Maria Blankenburg, Dr. H.P. Seitz and Dr. W. Hampel, Abgeordnetenhaus von Berlin, Niederkircher Strasse 5, 10117, Berlin, Germany. ✿

the personals

WOMEN

Coffee, Tea, Or Me?

This strong, confident, beautiful andro-dyke is looking for a downright fine, self-aware woman who communicates honestly and willingly. I am mid-20s, love to sing, write, talk and eat. I am a slow, sensual lover who enjoys receiving and giving pleasure. You are my age or older, aware of how you fit into the world and what that relationship means to you. You are butch of center, vibrant, sweet, present, not WASPy. Sobriety is your drug of choice—mine too. Let's go slow and see if the fit is right. Call ★★9425.

Peninsula Dykes, Where Are You Hiding?

Lesbian, 32, androgynous, seeks gal pals, 30+ w/sense of humor, intelligence and imagination. I enjoy biking, long walks, movies, camping, reading, trips to San Francisco, laughing and cooking. Light alcohol, NS, ND. So, if you're looking for fun, call. All calls answered. Call ★★9426.

Happily Ever After...

Need not be reserved for fairy tales. Easygoing, attractive GWF, 39, seeks late-30s+ woman who possesses warmth, emotional maturity, intelligence and a sense of humor, to add romance and perhaps a lasting relationship to a well-balanced life. I'm of average height and weight, affectionate, witty, emotionally and financially secure. I'm fond of quality time spent with friends, long walks, jazz, films, dining in or out on the town, as well as weekend getaways. SF, Peninsula appreciated. Please no 12-steppers or substance abusers. If your qualities complement, perhaps we can turn a fairy tale into a reality. Reply BT Box SP1B or call ★★9427.

Wolves

My favorite rules are cavil in the moonlight, make love, howl often. Seeking a special wild woman to share this and much more with. Please give me a howl if you're willing to take the risk. Call ★★9428.

"Together"

"Together," petite, professional writer/editor in her 40s seeks passionate and powerful connection with similarly "together" lesbian. Although friends describe me as good-looking, sophisticated and sometimes clever, I do admit to my fair share of human imperfections. Turned on by women who are evolved in mind and psyche, acutely aware of self and others, take pride in their appearance, have a range of interests, and are autonomous yet capable of intimacy. If you are willing to take the risks to reap the joys of togetherness, I'd like to read your letter (preferably) or hear your voice. Reply BT Box SP2B or call ★★9429.

An Invitation

I have an extra ticket for a reading by Mary Oliver on the evening of Oct. 12. It would bring me pleasure to share this with someone who would delight in this event and whose company I would enjoy. Let's talk. Call ★★9430.

Xtra Xtra Read All About It!

Wanted: Young woman single and free. Where are all of Marin and Sonoma County's GWF femme-of-centers? U-B blonde, good-looking, 25 to 35, very sexual & athletic; over your ex-lover; a hopeless romantic; like to laugh, dance and play; want to meet the woman of your dreams. Then answer this ad & you'll meet the same! Call ★★9431.

Can You Top This?

Kitchen wench, sex toy, blood whore, 30, pro., desires 32-45 y.o. who can cuddle, spoil and fondle me... In return I will make your fantasies reality. East Coast non-fufu femmes earn bonus points! Will not condone substance abuse! Call ★★9432.

Remember Bunker Hill?

Your body stretched languidly next to mine in the hot, hot sun. One droplet of moisture trailing slowly between those two perfect handfuls as I melt under your smokey gaze. Awaiting the passion to engulf us both, as it had before and will again. My arms reach to draw you close, always protecting, always cherishing. Sweetheart, knowing you enhances my life—loving you completes it.

Charming, Horny Intellectual

Tall, 44, East Bay Aquarian seeks to make friendships and romantic connections. I miss the caring and intimacy of a close relationship. I'm good-natured, sensitive, with a strong sense of self. Enjoy all aspects of the outdoors, watching some sports, playing others (I'm not a jock), reading, gardening and more. Attracted to butch look, not attitude. Please, no smoking. Call ★★9433.

I Held Her In My Arms

I'm gnawing on the knowledge/ That I have been burnt/ And I'm learning things that I/ Should've already learnt / Everyone I ever knew was so kind and coy./ I was with a girl/ But it felt like I was with a boy./ I can't even remember if we were lovers/ Or if I just wanted to/ But I held her in my arms. Only 18-25, please. Call ★★9434.

Thinking—Possible Commitment

It could be you and me, it's up to us. Let me be me; I'm fun mixed with a little serious. Looking for a femme-centered lady, attractive, not super uptight! I'm a cosmetics wearer, assertive, centered, attractive woman; I'm petite, "short," good shape, like movies, walks, beach, flea markets, romance, plays, etc. NS, ND; no extremists, please, or plastic people. Be 38-48. Love to talk! Call ★★9435.

My Soul Desires A

Unique, courageous, artistically sensitive lesbian, 35+. I'm an artist, sensitive, in love with nature's elegance. Honesty & reverence are of your characteristics rather than desires. You strive for compassion, mindful & joyful living & believe in such a thing as spiritual partners on an exciting path. When things get tough, we'll hold hands, meet challenges & choose growth. No alcohol/drugs. Call ★★9436.

Butch On Butch

Romantic, primarily butch dyke seeks a butch-androgynous lover for fun adventure and LTR. I am searching for someone who can stimulate me intellectually, emotionally and sexually. I offer nothing less in return. Please be 35+, responsible, intelligent, honest, communicative, financially stable, passionate and active. Extra consideration to athletes, bikers, intellectuals and explorers of gender. I am handsome, stylish, compassionate, stubborn, kind and loving. Light S/M, no serious pain. Meateaters, travelers, enjoyers of life: let's order room service at the Hawaii Hilton, camp in the California redwoods, motorcycle to the Grand Canyon. Let's share the pleasure together, bear the pain together, and create memories of a lifetime. Sorry, no smoking, drug abuse, or children. Occasional alcohol okay. Reply BT Box SP3B.

How About Some Intimacy

I am a 33-yr-old African-Caribbean woman who is looking for an attractive, intelligent, down-to-earth, mature woman to spend some intimate times. Please, no substance abusers, no games & no diseases. Just love & honesty. Call ★★9437.

Hi

I'm looking for sexy WFs in their early-40s. I'm a crazy, cute gal, very strong and hard worker, and it's hard for me to get out and meet others of our kind. No drugs or drinking or crazy sex. Looking for friends. So write to me; don't be shy. PO Box 1666, Martinez 94553. Send picture, please, if you can.

San Jose Professional

Single, financially stable, physically active, sex-positive, nonsmoker seeks same. I read Sturgeon, Hurston, Crowley and Allison. I like movies (Sarandon, Basinger, Davis), music (2 Nice Girls, Madonna, Shakespear's Sister), Trek, thinking and writing. My current quest is for a new gym and new woman in my life. Call ★★9438.

I'll Make You

giggle while you come. Sexy, slim, petite, 42, white, unattached bisexual. I like younger women, 18-30, very pretty, feminine with long hair. You can be intellectual or anti-intellectual, mellow or bitchy, tall or short. Must be slim, laugh at least once a year, and love sex and weekends in bed. I hate S/M, teases and women with boyfriends who want to watch. Get the picture? Call ★★9439.

Why An Ad?

Because I dislike bars and have no interest in attending monthly potlucks. I'd like to date women who have a good life but who, like me, also want an intimate relationship with someone special. Looks are less important than warmth, honest character, integrity, compatible temperament and similar interests. I am a little shy, but am committed to the ideas and people I value. I am Black, 41 years old. Call ★★9440.

5'2" & 52

Spiritual, healthy lifestyle, big on personal growth, socially active and playful. And I love to dance... rock, salsa and CW. For friendship, cuddle-buddies or possible relationship. Call ★★9441.

Friendship First

"I want a world where people are respected for the ease and warmth of their melting rather than the strength of their walls." I'm in my 40s. I'm down-to-earth, sweet-natured and refined. I love hiking and poetry. I'm looking for friends (possibly more than a friendship). You must be light-spirited, playful and have a keen sense of humor. I want someone who lets down her guard and feels on a regular basis, someone who is

Dykes To Watch Out For

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MALIKA, I'M GONNA SMASH THAT FUCKING CAMCORDER!
SHE'S GETTING REALLY CLOSE NOW!
YEAH, THIS IS RIGHT BEFORE THE BABY CROWNS.
FONY
THERE'S THE HEAD! JEEZ, IT'S ALMOST AS INTENSE ON TV AS IN REAL LIFE!
LOOK HOW BEAUTIFUL TONI IS, POISED ON THE BRINK OF THIS MIRACULOUS RITE OF PASSAGE!
UNNGH!
OH MY GOD!
WHAT AN INCREDIBLE SHOT!
I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE IT.
MEANWHILE, OVER AT NATUREBORN...
OH, WOW... IT FEELS WEIRD! I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS IS REALLY GONNA WORK... ...AY!
MAKE SURE YOU'RE DEEP IN. HE NEEDS TO LATCH ONTO YOUR BREAST, NOT JUST THE NIPPLE THERE. HE'S SUCKING!
IT'S WORKING! IT'S WARM! MY BREASTS ARE BUZZING!
AMAZING, ISN'T IT? SEE THE JAW MOVE, BY HIS EAR? HE'S SWALLOWING.
KID'S A GENIUS.
WELL! YOU CAN GO HOME IN A COUPLE HOURS IF YOU LIKE. YOU'RE COMING ALONG JUST GREAT--MUST BE DUE TO THAT WONDERFUL SUPPORT TEAM. WE DON'T OFTEN SEE THAT MANY PEOPLE AT A BIRTH!
YEAH... I'M GLAD EVERYONE COULD BE HERE, BUT IT WAS A LITTLE HECTIC. IT'LL BE NICE TO GET HOME AND SETTLE IN, JUST THE THREE OF US.
SMACK
I WONDER WHERE CLARICE AND TONI KEEP THEIR STAPLE GUN.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, RAFAEL
SPARROW, I COULDN'T FIND ANY BUBBLEGUM CIGARS. SO I JUST GOT REAL ONES, OKAY?
NOW REWIND IT! I WANNA SEE HIM GET SUCKED BACK IN!
TANYA WANTS TO KNOW IF SHE CAN BRING SOME FRIENDS. THEY'RE DOING A LESBIAN AVENGERS ACTION IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD LATER.
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trusting, open and interested in a mutual relationship. Call ★★9442.

New Kid On The Block
Attractive, femme, 31, silly, serious, eclectic, electric, curious, amused, hard-working, published writer and professional, new to SF. Looking for friend(s) who are intelligent, funny; who like movies, theater, coffeehouses, walking; who will show off this city which has quietly seduced me. Don't be professional ad responders, as this is hair-raising for me. But, like Miss Dubois, "I've always depended upon the kindness of strangers." Reply BT Box SP4B or call ★★9443.

In Season
Body like Botticelli's Venus. Lesbian bottom, 5'5", honey blonde, deep blue eyes, seeks gentle tops, any race/culture, 30s to mid-40s, for safe sex playmates, possible friendships. Must be single lesbian with sense of humor in bed. No smoking, drugs, alcohol. Especially arousing are leather, Asians, cafe au lait skin, good body tone, witty pillow talk. Will explore non-degrading bondage with right teacher to show me the ropes. Call ★★9444.

Hungry Mind And Body
Thoughtful and fun-loving wench seeks to end streak of serial celibacy. (Friendships welcome too.) I've been petting the cat far too much lately, and bondage can be a real bitch to get out of alone. On the whole, I'm a wholesome girl with a proven streak of irreverence and a bent toward experimentation in all aspects of life. These are a few of my favorite things: travel, adventure, music, good books and poetry. Stimulating conversation, humor, tenderness, dancing, ping pong, bodysurfing and general joie-de-vivre. I'm 34. Yes, I'm cute. Call now. Live girl's waiting. Reply BT Box SP5B or call ★★9445.

Intelligent, Sensitive Woman
Seeks the same. I'm 35 years old, 5'1" & 145 lbs. I'm a professional & a student. Psychologically aware, mature, warm, down-to-earth, straightforward, kind, gentle, affectionate, irreverent, dry sense of humor, NS, ND describe me. I like walking, swimming, camping, eating healthy, weekend getaways, movies & books. I'm interested in a woman who seems compatible with me. I'm looking for passion, sex, romance, intimacy, autonomy & friendship. Call ★★9446.

Looking For Sex
Female wanted to show me how. I am a 29-year-old, thin, graduate student. I have never been with a woman before. Hopefully you are heavily into safe sexual experimentation (but not hardcore S/M), under 40 years old, with a firm body. Call ★★9447.

Sexy, Intelligent Femmes
Attractive, intelligent, passionately sensual androgynous lesbian seeks a feminine woman who appreciates and embodies both strength and vulnerability, passion and intellect, and sweetness with a wild spirit. A curious mind, a romantic soul, and an adventurous sexuality are qualities that spark my interest and draw me to you. You are drawn by all the above and by my warm smile, my honest nature, and my sensitive spirit. Call ★★9448.

Somethin' Special
Down-to-earth, non-materialistic, honest, sensitive, gentle, somewhat shy, good sense of humor. Youthful 46, NS, social drinker, emotionally and financially stable, androgynous appearance. Enjoy hiking, walks, camping, concerts, movies, bowling, dining out, romantic weekends away, lots of snuggling. I value honesty and monogamous relationships. Seeking warm, sensitive, slenderish, androgynous lesbian, 42-49. Please, no 12-steppers, smokers, S/M. Call ★★9449.

If You
Responded to a voice mail personal, "Ready to Begin," on Monday, 9/13/93, leaving a very brief message with only your phone number—please, please, please call again. In a sudden haste (of joy) I accidentally erased your message. You sounded really sweet and I'd surely like to connect. Call ★★9450.

True Blue
My friend is considerate, trustworthy and very caring. She is attractive, sexy and very funny. If you answer her ad you'll be the luckiest woman in this world. She is a great friend to me, and would be to you. She's a great dancer and lives a healthy lifestyle. If I were you I would answer her ad, then you can thank me later. Don't wait too long or she will be gone. (Thank you, D.) Call ★★9451.

Bright And Beautiful Woman
Hoping to meet another woman with similar qualities: warm, loving, very attractive, intelligent, compassionate, fun-loving, adventurous, sensitive, gentle, strong, passionate, physically and emotionally healthy, loyal, self-aware, with a social conscience, a generous spirit, and a sense of humor. My life is filled with many gifts including some incredibly wonderful friends. All that's missing, perhaps, is you. I get great satisfaction from my profession, but I also love to play, so I take time off and travel often. A few of my interests include gardening, windsurfing, scuba diving, old house restoration, and playing music. Even though I put off writing this ad ad for some time, if you are mid-30s to 40s and identify with some of this, please don't put off answering. All calls will be returned. Must be free of all drugs, tobacco and ex-lovers. Reply BT Box SP6B or call ★★9452.

Looking For San Francisco Residents
Bisexual woman, 27, 5'5", 150 lbs., seeking other women, bi or lesbian, who enjoy going to movies, talking, eating, etc. I especially like women with short hair who are somewhat shy, and either own cats or are cat lovers. Please call or write if you are interested and let's get together. Race unimportant, but please be single. Reply BT Box SP7B or call ★★9453.

Looks Can Be Deceiving
This normal-looking, yet cute GWF might appear average in many ways—days spent working, nights spent relaxing, weekends spent socializing with friends. But, if you should take the time to investigate further, you'll find a romantic, sensitive, caring, sensual soft butch who's looking for a provocative, unpredictable femme to light her fire. Could you be the one? Please be over 35 and catless. Reply BT Box SP8B or call ★★9454.

Successful Asian Entrepreneur
Very attracted to blonde hair/blue eyes, feminine, attractive women. If you are slim, 30s, nonsmoker, enjoy music, movies, reading and traveling, please call. Let s have some fun. And who knows what may follow? Call ★★9455.

Any Ideas...
I'm 31, SWF, looking for fun & adventure in the East Bay. I have a career, a truck, 2 dogs and yet still I feel something is missing—perhaps it's you. Friendship, communication, romance sounds good to me. If it does to you & a sense of humor & truth is important to you give me a call and let's talk. Call ★★9456.

Dynamic Butch Seeks Strong Femme
Mid-40s SF Jewish dyke looking for romance, good times, hot sex, intimacy, stimulating conversation and lots of laughter. Bright creative therapist/artist with diverse interests, progressive politics values honesty, integrity, passion and humor. My life is full and yet I'm seeking a special woman, nonsmoking, bright, likes to dress up and play. Can you both give and take? Then take a chance and call. Call ★★9457.

OK, OK...
The house is built, the yard is in, the relationship is long over, the endorphins are kicking in and I'm ready for just plain fu...n. I'm tall and dark and value all forms of self-expression, diversity, agreements to disagree, and honesty in word and deed. I love dancing, competitive sports, sharing food and drink, talking silly and serious, watching the world go by, and sun's out sex. If you're interested in dating or a lasting friendship, call ★★9458.

Leather And Betsey Johnson
Femme leather lesbian, 42 years old, dark, mysterious and softly sexy, seeks playmate and more. I'm a fashion queen living in the Castro. I'm also a switch who prefers to top. My hobbies are knitting, S/M, dancing, and B/D. It doesn't matter if you're butch or femme because chemistry is what matters. However, it would help if you were smart, creative and loved great shoes. I'm looking for a long-term, monogamous relationship since I have a problem with jealousy. Call ★★9459.

No Nails, No Prudes
Tall, nasty, very attractive, educated, athletic white mid-20s wants someone to hang with. You're early to mid-20s and smoke, drink and eat meat with a beautiful body and a good self-image. Your face will make my mouth water and you're passionate, sexy, somewhat articulate and financially squared away. Fist friendly and no kitty dildoes. In bed or out with good food, good wine, good flicks, and modern rock—peppered with an intelligent conversation perhaps, and if you're into it, maybe some Chopin. Layback queens welcome. Will switch. Reply BT Box SP9B or call ★★9460.

Marin
Looking for a companion who is feminine (not femme), strong (not tough), and shares some of my interests: photography, hiking, bicycling, travel, occasional elegance. Someone with a sense of style who is health-conscious, kind, passionate, emotionally & financially stable, in her 30s, lives in Marin or SF and enjoys her life. Call ★★9461.

Happy Anniversary
Four years ago we met at a birthday party on a beautiful, starlit balcony and we still speak of the magic from that evening. You were confident, safe, funny, and I was nervous, insecure, talkative. Inside you were shaking, outside I was calm. Somehow the angels saw a match, encouraged your pursuit and I saw the light. Yours. It still shines as bright for me as the night we met and I look forward to more magic in the years to come. Thank you, M.E.V. for being there and being you. —Looney.

A Little Shy
And tired of being alone. Like to have someone in my life to share quiet evenings, music, walks, etc. This Libra is 41, sensual, caring, loves to cuddle and occasional dining out. I'm a casual dresser and like down-to-earth people. Race not important. Does this appeal to you? I'd like to hear from you. All replies will be answered. Call ★★9462.

Hot Magic Lamp
No my name is not Genie, but rub me in the right places and watch all your dreams come true. Can we have it all? Yes, but I'm a huge thinker, are you? I'm allergic to negative thinkers. Me: 29, drummer from Hayward; I love sexy colognes, beautiful eyes, animals, motorcycles, fetishes and great sense of humor. Me: 5'8", med. build, winning smile, black eyes, brown hair, Spanish/Irish mix, Pisces. Take the time to write or call. All will be answered. Thanks for taking the time to read my ad. Reply BT Box SP10B or call ★★9463.

Are You A Kinda Quirky Romantic
Butch-of-center woman who'd love to play with an intelligent professional femme who loves parks, walks, lingerie, birds and animals? You build the campfire, and I'll do the cooking. We both can do the kissing. I enjoy someone silly, serious, nonsmoker, no drugs, who enjoys life. Let's find romance and maybe a relationship under the stars. PO Box 20933, Castro Valley 94546 or call ★★9464.

Incredibly Playful
Soft butch looking for soft femme top for some rough and tumble play. Sense of humor a must. Laughing at my jokes a plus. Call ★★9465.

That's Amore
You can't find real romance in a bar, maybe in the produce section squeezing melons, but even those odds are high. The personals are a little easier on the fingers. Actually I am writing this ad for my sweet friend. She's Italian American. She's pretty, slender, femme with a butch streak, big brown eyes, shoulder length hair, inviting smile and not to mention a great cook! She's a young professional and prefers to be with other stable professionals, 33 to 38 yrs. old. She desires mentally & physically strong women who are also compassionate, sincere, sensitive, romantic, adventurous and attractive. Italian culture & language a plus. Please no smokers, drug & alcohol abusers. Call ★★9466.

Maybe This One
So, you're reading the personals looking for a woman with enough life experience to be interesting (maybe mid-40s), above average in several ways (maybe tall); someone pre-shrunk enough to appreciate honest and direct communication and, above all, someone who will enjoy your sense of humor (maybe me). I'm also a political news junkie, busy professional, and part-time co-parent, who likes tubing down rivers or water slides, going to plays and the Women's Philharmonic or just BBQs in the backyard and watching the 49ers on TV. If this sounds good to you, maybe you should call. Call ★★9467.

Left-Handed Jewish Scorpio
Dyke seeks partner(s) in crime for travel, sex, demos, bookstore prowls, Scrabble, bicycling, movies, yard sales, hiking. I'm a writer, 39, an anarchist with a penchant for Edwardian women's literature, a Luddite with a computer, and an am-I-a-grownup-yet? potential mom. Allergic to heavy smoking and 12-step didacticism. If "intense" isn't a dirty word to you, please reply BT Box SP11B or call ★★9468. No Republicans or deconstructionists.

Sexy Redhead
Seeks that special someone to help me spend an unexpected inheritance. You're intelligent with a sense of fun. Can appreciate my (new!) red Ferrari but are not a snob. I speak French, Italian and German; ideally you speak Spanish or an Asian language to facilitate trip around the world. I have green eyes, auburn hair—but wait, I'm not height-weight proportionate. So I must be garbage. Forget it.

Categorically Challenged
Here I am: cynical yet excitable 31-year-old writer with yen for fine fiction, film & music. I'm a sister of Seinfeld & a devotee of Dave. Other passions include my skittish felines, long hikes & analytical conversations. I'm very nice, occasionally angst-ridden & definitely interesting. Random fears: Birkenstocks, pigeon-holers & bad haircuts. Really. I'm normal. Call me. Call ★★9469.

Top Priority
This ad is designed to solicit responses from intelligent, confident, available tops: aggressive yet sensitive women who aren't looking for a femme in high heels. I'm 33, Irish-looking, 5'5", 145 lbs., and strong. I'm also smart and clean and sober. I work nights as a counselor. I'm also an artist with a masters in painting. I am a bottom in bed and I am more butch than femme. Feminists only need respond. "Top" doesn't necessarily mean "butch," but it might. Reply BT Box SP12B or call ★★9470.

Untitled
Earthy, urban, soulful, proto-monk sensualist with kind heart, agile mind and body, 28, seeks powerful yet pliable woman with both an outer and inner life—for warm company as friend and possibly as lover. Random favorite things: mandolins, sandstone canyons, the interstellar void, the cosmic mother, mangoes, fearlessness. Givens: great films, music, aesthetics, dancing, travel, reasonably healthy lifestyle. If you quietly harbor an agendaless passion for some form of the spiritual, we have something crucial in common. Reply BT Box SP13B or call ★★9471.

Cuddle Monster Tickle Bunny
Sexy baby butch dyke taking the slow road toward a relationship. Looking for a down-to-earth woman who is on the same road. I enjoy movies, biking, hiking, camping and wrestling. Your style is not important as long as you've got some. All shapes, colors and flavors (from vanilla to whatever) welcome. Sanity preferred, no smoke/drugs. Reply BT Box SP14B or call ★★9472.

Wanted: Weekend Romance
OK, so my teddy bear just isn't cutting it anymore and besides I'm looking for conversation that's a little more intellectual. What's a normal lesbian of the '90s to do? Place a personal ad! So here I am: 29 yrs. old, feminine but not frilly, sensible, flexible, intelligent, happy with life and doing OK. I have a busy schedule but am looking for someone to share my weekends and an evening or two during the week. I'm open for adventure so give me a call. Reply BT Box SP15B or call ★★9473.

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SHARED INTEREST

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The Shared Interest ads are a part of the Personals, and as such as for individuals seeking other individuals with common personal interests. They are not for the purpose of forming professional connections. If you are looking for business partners, clients or work-trade arrangements, or if you are forming a professional organization, please use the Open Exchange classified ads. Thanks.

Women's Heart And Spirit Group
A leaderless group for processing feelings, meditation and ritual, to bridge the internal and external transitions in our lives. For women 35 and over who have therapy experience and are comfortable with their own spiritual practice. Call ★★9546.

Prospective Queer Parents
Do you want to be one? We are a community group that meets on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 11:30 am for a potluck & discussion about lesbians & gay men co-parenting together or known donor situations. If you are looking for a co-parent or just looking for support—come & eat with us. Call ★★9547.

Gay Clergy Support
Are you a professed gay religious or ordained member of the clergy who would like to socialize and exchange with other gay religious and clergy who believe in their unique calling as gays in the Church? Write: Support, PO Box 14065, SF 94114 or call ★★9548.

Let's Dance
To sounds of salsa, techno, tribal, rock, Afro-pop at clubs, street fairs, park concerts. I'm a sprite 36 y.o., long-maned male who has performed my own choreography in shows and workshops. I'm seeking men or women blissed out on a dance high for just dancin' or working on a performance piece. Call ★★9549.

Lonely? Isolated? Depressed?
Desperate? Suicidal? Do these words describe you: moody, deeply sensitive/feeling, questor, idealist, introspective, brooding, artistic, tragic romantic, intense, meaninglessness, integrity, intuitive, writer, emotional, growth/relationship-oriented, different, teacher, self-aware, private, unappreciated, journals, passionate, truth-seeking, authentic, spiritual, black sheep? If yes, you are special, gifted, sensitive to other's needs, but suffer from lack of understanding/appreciation. We have much to share. B., PO Box 1551, Cupertino 95015 or call ★★9550.

Follow-Me-CW
Needed: small dancing partner for CW or salsa dancing. Th., Fri., Sat., Sun. evenings. Call ★★9551.

Exchange Massage
CMT wishes to exchange with sincere slim to med. built GM. You need not be certified only sincere and experienced in nurturing the spirit as well as the body. This is not a sex ad. As a massage therapist for the critically ill I am in need of a deep, caring touch to help me keep centered. Massage. PO Box 14065, SF 94114 or call ★★9552.

Women Runners And Walkers
Come out and get sweaty with us! The San Francisco FrontRunner Women are waiting to welcome you. Do you want a fast five-mile run? A gentle one-mile walk? Something in between? We run (or walk), have fun. Come join us (and the guys), 9 am Saturdays, Stow Lake Boathouse, GG Park. Call ★★9553.

Travel Partner Wanted
Am an inveterate GM traveler who lost his usual travel buddy two years ago. I go alone now, but it's better to share. I'm 57, active, outgoing, intelligent, successful, retired, honest, flexible, and appreciative of other cultures. Also unattached, but this is not a sex or LTR ad. Favorite spots have been Italy, Greece, Egypt, Morocco, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Mexico, Fiji. Current interests are Phillipines, Thailand, Turkey, Italy, Vietnam, India, but open. I plan trips well and have no interest in group touring or madcap pacing. I rarely stay in luxury hotels, nor in those at the lower end. I fly coach. I do like to eat very well and don't spend a lot of time in hotel rooms. I dress well, love beaches, and have a good sense of humor. I drink, but in moderation. I live in Santa Rosa. Interested? Reply BT Box SP600B or call ★★9554.

Weekend Biking
GWM, late-30s, looking for partner to ride with weekends in Marin, East Bay or other routes. I enjoy mountain biking, but would like another to ride with. I have a car & bike rack. Let's do it. I'm friendly, easygoing and intelligent. Call ★★9555.

40+ Lesbian Social Group
Let's meet for social events, brunch, movies, outdoor activities, theater, etc. Call ★★9556.

Let's Go See
Lesbian seeks someone of any gender for occasional gallery hopping, museum jaunts, window shopping, and general sightseeing of the non-tourist variety. I lean toward viewing the arts and admiring home furnishings I'll never buy, but I'm open to going to and seeing any places we've never gone to or seen before. Reply BT Box SP601B or call ★★9557.

Men's East Bay Support Group
GJM, 44, wants to start a leaderless gay men's support group in the East Bay. Purpose: share what's happening, get feedback and suggestions about problems, possibly exchange phone calls and/or get together outside group. Describe yourself, include phone. Group, PO Box 8031, Berkeley 94707 or call ★★9558.

Single Gay Psychotherapists
Hey guys—how do you balance working and dating within the same community? Let's get together Sunday, Oct. 17, at 7:30 pm and talk about the impact of our work on our search for a partner. Could be a one-time thing, or ongoing group for those who desire it. Free, mutually led, confidential. Let's provide the same support for each other that we recommend for our clients! Interns, grad students, and licensed therapists welcome. For location and other ideas, call ★★9559.

Dreamers/Dream Workers
GWM interested in continuing his search into the creative power of dreams. As Jeremy Taylor would say, "All dreams have more than one meaning and more than one level of significance." That is why it is so important to regularly share your dreams with a group of loyal friends. Group meets 2nd & 4th Fridays. Three month commitment expected. Dreamers, PO Box 14065, SF 94114 or call ★★9560.

New Computer User?
I'm a confirmed technophobe who's purchased a Macintosh Centris. I'm exploring its possible applications, but feeling overwhelmed by the amount of information available. Solo learning is slow going—classes too expensive. If you feel that in getting focused "2 heads (or 3 or 4) are better than one," I'd love to talk with you. Perhaps we can form a group to share information, skills, strategies. If interested, call ★★9561.

Strange Flutes
I play the banjo (so-so) and am seeking others to play music with. We could play some good ol' country or make something new. The accordian might be just the right accompaniment. Call ★★9562.

Gay Male Wants Lesbian!
For friendship. I find it so difficult meeting you. Why? It seems like we all go our separate ways. Can't we start changing that?! Just lonely in SF! I'm 29, caring, sensitive, like bowling, theater, movies, etc., and you can even save money & write. Hope to hear from you. Boxholder-M, PO Box 427041, SF 94142 or call ★★9563.

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BISEXUAL

BiAM Seeks Moustached Man
Very handsome married BiAM, 35, 160 lbs., tall, moustached, sincere & versatile seeks bi white male for discreet daytime hot & sweaty, safe & sane fun. No strings. You must have a moustache, 25-40, masculine, muscular & straight-acting. Blue collar or Castro clone a plus. Please send your letter/photo (returnable) to Boxholder, PO Box 641372, SF 94164 or call ★★9500.

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Unique, nice BiDWM ready to settle down with BiF. Interested in your history & psychology. Photo/write all about you. Box 1476, 94966.

Slave Needs Owner
SWM, 34, bi curious; experienced submissive, needs dominant women or couple to serve as slave & toy for your amusement & pleasure. I have experience as a houseboy, cook, masseur, toy & slut. My limits are offered to you to expand as you wish. I am true slave & masochist. Seek both intense psychological and physical play; exp. with whipping, C&B & tit torture, x-dress, humiliation & bondage; exhibitionistic. PO Box 11330, Oakland 94611 or call ★★9501.

48 Square Inches Of Penis!
Does 8"x6" = 48 square inches? I'm 25, cute, tattoos, piercings, I-o-v-e both Kathy Acker and Marky Mark, but for different reasons. Seeking attractive, intelligent womyn, 18-58, and cute butch boys, 18-21. Reply BT Box SP300B or call ★★9502.

Intelligence, Sexuality & Caring Sought
Lovely sweet woman from East/Midwest may be moving West, wants to connect with intelligent, caring woman or man (bi) who is spiritual and seeks a soul connection. Pen pals first wanted, also seeking people who travel and can travel. She is warm and very attractive, lovely figure, middle aged, yet very youthful and sensual. She needs a softer approach and an intellectual mind. Status (married or single) unimportant. Reply BT Box SP301B.

BiM Sun Lover
Seeks similar BiF. Share my luxurious, exclusive complex's magnificent sundecks, spa, pools, clubhouse, views, etc. Photo/write all about yourself. Box 342, 94807 or call ★★9503.

Wanted: One Good Fag
Sought by interesting, voluptuous, pretty, Black woman lesbian, 34 yrs. old, for friendship & sex. We both have a sense of humor, enjoy the outdoors & (strangely enough) have been fantasizing about the opposite sex! Talk about kink... my goodness gracious. Well, you're probably between 5'8"-6' something, buffed, great perky tits/ass, handsome, hung, very very masculine & physical; a black leather enthusiast. Undoubtedly you are gay male, HIV-, who likes women, 32+ & who is willing to tolerate a tease (while we develop a friendship) until we just can't stand it anymore! This busty, feminine, athletic girl loves her motorcycle; if you love yours that would be fabulous. "The she-devil lesbian lies waiting, large brown breasts heaving as she imagines your blue collar arm around her waist." Bikers encouraged. Fags only. NS, ND. Reply BT Box SP302B or call ★★9504.

The Art Of Selling
Oneself is hard to do. Especially when you're a challenge looking for one too. A woman who's smart, honest, kind and sometimes difficult to understand; who persists in traveling less paved roads 'cause in the end they have more dividends; who doesn't smoke, is slim, 29-37; who's worked hard getting where she is and now ready for fun-filled heaven. I'm in the market for rare art. How about you? Reply BT Box SP303B or call ★★9505.

Healthy White Bi Boy
Wants one smart, slender, slick Asian or Pacific Island bi girl for sharing, for laughing and maybe forever. PO Box 835, San Bruno 94066 or call ★★9506.

"For A Good Time, Call..."
I am a single BiWM, 38, medium figure, TV tendencies. I live in SF. Like to look sexy with stockings, etc., tight skirts. Like cuddling, touching, with bi male (or female?) or gay. I tend to be slightly shy; educated. Prefer N. Peninsula access (SF, etc.). Tell me what you like to do! Call ★★9507.

Bi Straight-Acting Latino Or Brown-Haired White Boy
Bi blond, blue eyes, 165 lbs., 5'8", nice, in-shape body, seeks bi Latino or dark-haired white boy for relationship. Must be HIV-, muscular body, nice butt, NS, ND, light drink OK, straight-acting like me, with a true heart only. No queens. Write w/picture or call ★★9508.

Happily Married Bisexual Male
5'8", 33, brwn/grn, attr., dark skin, gym-toned, articulate, well-adjusted and happily married bisexual male seeks same or some derivative thereof. My wife and I are committed to making our marriage work and therefore recognize and support my need to hook up with another man who is in a primary relationship. I'm looking for friendship, camaraderie and/or sex, it all depends. Please be comfortable with yourself, your sexuality and be somewhat aware of what you are looking for. Reply BT Box SP304B or call ★★9509.

WM Looking Hard
For women, 20s thru 40s, bi (or straight), medium body. I'm a 38 y.o. bi male, shy, medium body, BA, would like to kiss, neck. I'm single, work as a consultant. This ad is so we could meet for fun (first, at least). Reply BT Box SP305B or call ★★9510.

I'm A Curious Woman
Looking for another. I'm a 30-something, attractive, intelligent, somewhat refined adventurer currently in a straight relationship, and would like to consider other possibilities. I'd love another woman to talk with, maybe more. We could be private friends, or perhaps I could share my boyfriend if you like. We could explore the SF lesbian scene, or have intimate tea and conversation at home. I'm open to all ideas; please respond. Call ★★9511.

Bi Woman W/Kids
This kinda cute divorced father, 35 yrs., bi, blond, blue eyes, 5'8", 168, very nice in-shape body, HIV-, seeks a bi woman with a very in-shape body who enjoys outdoors, sports, dining out, dancing, and a girl that just wants to have fun. Write w/photo or call ★★9512.

MESSAGES

Wed. Eve, 9/8, Church St. Metro Station
(Outbound) We sat across the aisle from each other in the window seats. As we rose to exit the train, you smiled at me and I smiled back. As we exited, you said something I couldn't hear. You were WM, wore pair of earloops. I was WM in office drag. Let's meet. PO Box 190188, SF 94119 or call ★★9583.

If You
Responded to a voice mail personal, "Ready to Begin," on Monday, 9/13/93, leaving a very brief message with only your phone number—please, please, please call again. In a sudden haste (of joy) I accidentally erased your message. You sounded really sweet and I'd surely like to connect. Call ★★9584.

Attn: Fire & Water = Steam Heat
I am intrigued by your ad. It's great. However, I am not able to answer your voice mail box. Please drop me a note to let me know how to reach you by phone or mail. I'd really like to talk to you. Reply BT Box SP700B.

Hey "River Phoenix Wannabe"
You're 23, 6'1", and intelligent—although it wasn't immediately apparent because you did not leave your phone number. Please try again. I thought you were rather interesting. Call ★★9585.

Missed You
I looked at you at times at a restaurant called Without Reservation on Castro on Sept. 6 (Labor Day) around 2:30 pm. I (GWM) was not sure if you (GBM) were interested in meeting me or watching my conversations in sign language with my good friend. So if you ever see this ad, please drop me a note with phone number to: Boxholder, PO Box 3598, SF 94119.

MEN

Redwood City J/O Buddy(ies)
I'm seeking gay or bisexual male(s) who, like myself, reside in Redwood City. I'm tired of having to go to San Francisco (or for that matter other cities) to satisfy my sexual needs. There must be other gay or bisexual male(s) that reside in my city that need or want a J/O partner. I want to get together with you over your place on the weekends to satisfy both our sexual needs. So, if you're like me, over 21, HIV-, and again a resident of Redwood City, contact PO Box 880, Redwood City 94064 for more information.

Seeking A Friend And Maybe More!
If you are a masculine GM, 35-55, honest, HIV-, nonsmoker, light drinker, versatile but usually top, sensitive, tired of bar scene. I'm a very young 55, tall, handsome, tanned, cleanshaven, brown eyes and short hair. Enjoy music, movies, theater, cooking, dining out, Giants, A's, 49ers, travel, living in SF, lots of sex, hiking, walks, beaches, giving and getting massage, sense of humor, quiet romantic evenings with someone special! Don't be shy! Reply Box 321, 584 Castro, SF 94114 or call ★★9601.

Danish Prince Seeks Vassal
Handsome GWM, 5'11", 165 lbs., very smooth, hung 8", age 39, HIV+, seeks happy, creative boyfriend. I'm brainy, sarcastic, exceedingly kind. Enjoy classical music, ballet, art films and great food. I'm mostly a top and you should be smooth and mostly a bottom. Romance with an edge (toys, spanking?) is what turns me on. Call ★★9614.

Erotic Massage
Seeking special person to receive free erotic massage, prefer a man of color. This massage teacher needs to expand methods to arouse and sexually stimulate and wants to experiment with these techniques. No reciprocation but do require feedback on how technique makes you feel. Will answer all replies, but GBM, GAM, GLM get priority. PO Box 410990, Suite 256, SF 94141-0990 or call ★★9602. New to SF.

Attention Small Endowed Men
Those with a small penis and/or those who like them small, indicate if you have a small one or admire small ones for proper application. SASE required. Serious only need apply. Box 1397, El Cerrito 94530.

Seeking 2 Men
Masculine, athletic, 38 y.o., dark blond, 5'11", 185 lbs. Oral, into role-playing games and VA. Seeking 2 dominant men for periodic threesome. Prefer 33-42 age range. No phone sex. Call ★★9603.

Suit To Suit Connection
Slender, mature, reserved, sophisticated, career-minded, conservative, masculine, baby-face GAM, 27, 5'9", w/a sense of style, HIV-, monogamous, seeks more dominant GAM for companionship/possible relationship. I am health/fitness conscious, financially secure, reliable and like to have fun when time permits. If you are 28-35, 5'6"-6', cleanshaven, have full head of hair and possess same qualities, call or write. Photo gets immediate response. Reply BT Box SP71B or call ★★9604.

Cum Freak
Needs you/yours. Oral virtuosity; you'll never get enough. Me neither. Box 169, 1275 Washington Ave., San Leandro 94577 or call ★★9605.

A Great Find For The Right Guy
Educated, masculine, GWM, 38, 5'6", br/green, slim and athletic shape. My friends say I'm handsome but if they didn't they wouldn't be my friends. I spend my time designing software, reading, going to classes, working in my small SF garden, eating spicy food, riding my mountain bike in the headlands, listening to jazz and new music, and, on occasion, dancing (badly). I'm looking to meet a man who shares some of my interests and who doesn't use the words "friend" and "love" casually as he knows what they mean. You know that conversation, communication and honesty are essential and you care for the feelings of others. You are an athletic GWM, 33 to 43, NS, HIV-, and at least as tall as I am. Let's meet for coffee or a beer or maybe a bike ride to Tennessee Valley. Call or write me a letter at BT Box SP72B and include a photo if you have one; or call ★★9606.

Road Warrior Seeks Linebacker/Wrestler Type
WM, 33, 6', 185, handsome, intelligent, kickboxer, musician, great smile, big legs, Mad Max/Terminator looks seeks partner over 6', 200 lbs., big build, masculine, straight-oriented, any age (older, bearded a plus). I am looking for companionship/relationship with a real man. No sleaze or phonies. PO Box 5502, Novato 94945 or call ★★9607.

Size-O-Philes Skip This Ad
As can rough lovers and those who cannot relax to a gentle touch, an easy, intense cum. My interests are the quick-comers and less-than-endowed who may be com' .able with my attention to their pleasure, a , their attention to mine; someone with the se e to appreciate how

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safe and singularly satisfying a J/O relationship can be. GWM, beard, 180 lbs., 5'8", hairy chest. Call ★★9608.

Losing A Lover

to AIDS has matured my outlook. I am appropriately cynical in these troubled times. I trust more in the ordinary than in new age optimism. Have a good bullshit detector. I value thinking (& feeling), developing one's gifts, contributing to the world, answering one's "calling," and maturity more than pure adolescent self-absorption. I am more interested in a person who has developed imagination, empathy and compassion than big pecs, a big dick or an inflated ego. I am not ashamed to be emotional, admit my mistakes, or stand up for myself. I am busy with staying healthy (HIV+), enjoying my friends and family, loving my work, enjoying nature and living. Like affectionate, non-homophobic, slender men. Send photo (returnable), dick size (just kidding), and 200-page history of your dysfunctional family. Would like to find a fellow warrior in Sonoma or in the City. I am 43 (look 89), 5'8", 145#, blond, blue, NS, ND, already been through therapy, thank you. Let's swim naked at the River. PO Box 471, Monte Rio 95462.

GWM, 62, 5'8", 160 lbs., HIV-, professional, likes movies, classical music, art, travel. Is kind, sensitive, understanding, empathetic. Looking for 35+ GM for friendship and relationship. Please send photo and letter to BT Box SP73B or call ★★9609

Shy Romantic

Good-looking GWM, tired of bars, attitude, seeks special guy to get to know, share times with, possibly leading to a relationship. Me: 42, 6'1", brown hair/eyes, full 'stache, hunky body (regular gym-goer), nonsmoker/drugs, light drinker, HIV-. Interests: travel, language, Spanish & Italian; gourmet cook, fine wines, outdoors, antiques, hot safe sex, foreskins (nice but not mandatory); honest, communicator. You: 29-40, blond/brunette, moustache, stable, HIV-, similar interests, nonsmoker/drugs, light drinker. Looking to meet quality men for dating and maybe more. Life's short, take a chance. If the above interests you, reply with a recent photo and letter to Boxholder, PO Box 14186, SF 94114 or call ★★9610.

Ready For Romance

El Cerrito, very handsome, GWM, 42, 6'2", 165#, blond/blue, 8", seeks similar GWM, 30s-40s, tall, handsome, masculine, slender, smooth, hung, horny, versatile, for friendship, sex and hopes of LTR. Me: healthy, asymptomatic HIV+, lost lover 21 months ago, tired of bars, cruise scenes, one-timers, and people who can only take; seeking someone who can appreciate affection, passion and compassion of an old-fashioned, faithful, romantic relationship. I'm clean, intelligent, honest, sincere and reliable; fun, witty and humorous; unpretentious and absolutely void of the latest gay fashion trends; don't drink or smoke; love a good home life, gardening, home cooking, movies, TV, old and modern rock, physics and electronics, beaches and the outdoors. I'm enjoying life on an early retirement so I have lots of time for traveling, fun and for you. If you have things in common, are financially stable, and into sharing and enjoying life without fighting, then tickle my funny bone and I'll let you scratch my spot! Call ★★9611.

Black Top Wanted

By 5'10", 165, 40s GWM for hours and hours of no-strings enjoyment. Looking for a nice guy—honest and caring. If something happens—great, but not into "creating" a relationship. I'm a sports addict but have a wide variety of interests. Isn't it worth a call to see if there is something for us to talk about? Call ★★9612.

BiWM Bottom

21, 6', long blond hair, into cross-dressing, looking for TVs or male couple (must be femme), no facial hair, for fun time. Please smoke but be disease-free. Call ★★9613.

The Heat Is On

Masculine, good-looking GAM, 26 (5'5", 130#), seeks other cute GM's (any race) to 30, with trim or musc. athletic builds into summer sports and fun. I'm a centered, spiritual, athletic, outgoing, intelligent prof'l guy who likes biking, arts, music, film, skiing, sailing, travel. If you're fun, spontaneous, likable and look great without a shirt, let's talk! Call ★★9615.

Peak Experiencing

You: loving, kind, moustached, reasonably attractive, 40+, emotionally/sexually responsive, spontaneous nature. Us: bright, humorous, mature, socially interactive, playful, affectionate, caring, relationship/growth-oriented, open to new experiences. Me: youthful, attractive 53-year-old GWM, tall, slender, s/p hair, dark moustache, eyes; HIV+, a very special loving guy. For: mountain hiking, cuddle napping, park picnicking, dog walking, garden hoeing, festive dining, movie watching, concert going, homebodying, universe gazing, peak experiencing, hot talking, and passionate lovemaking. Call ★★9616.

Cute, HIV+

31, 6', 165, brn/blue, very handsome GM ISO partner to 30 to share the best of what life has to offer. I'm a sincere & affectionate, playful yet sophisticated, emotionally & financially very secure, clean-cut, smooth guy with a great sense of humor. I enjoy good food/wine, travel, music, movies, quiet times and guys who are beautiful, inside & out. Very cute, dark hair a+, honesty/integrity essential. Please reply with photo to BT Box SP74B or call ★★9617.

Leatherboy Seeks Instruction

GW bottom leather boy, 30s, needs top leather dad over 44 to service, explore with, learn from. Masculine mentor sought with stern but guiding attitude. Obedience training, verbal, kink, more? Willing butt and pig mouth to service your dick, balls, pits, tits, ass. Boy is smooth, trim, attractive, ready to party with dad and devote all attention to pleasing him. Prefer chunky/stocky hairy-chested dad with beer gut, facial hair. Reply PO Box 2005, SF 94126 or call ★★9618.

Eating The Bear

Love big hairy or stocky men to munch on. If you desire a very hot erotic time in bed this GLM will gladly nibble between your large thighs or you can ride me for hours till we're both drained. Call ★★9619 or write: PO Box 1206, Capitola 95010.

Autofellatio

If you are 35+, can suck yourself off, and are willing to let discreet healthy GWM in 40s watch, I'd really like to hear from you. Maybe I'll even get turned on and safely join in. Also I can videotape you if you wish. Completely safe and confidential. Serious only write to: Boxholder, 740A - 14th St., #391, SF 94114 or call ★★9620.

Available Asian

GAM, 40s, 5'7", 140, HIV-, good-looking, very youthful in appearance and attitude, fit and in-shape, looking for male, any race, for that special friend and perhaps lover or something in between. Am stable, sensible, happy, even-tempered, caring, friendly, with a good heart. You are an attractive, healthy guy, under 50, with an open mind and a few good laughs to share life with. Write with photo (?) to W., PO Box 471583, SF 94147 or call ★★9621.

Friends, Friends, Friends

Hi. Handsome, in-shape, GWM, 5'7", 29, 130#, HIV-, independent, NS, clean-cut, looking for new friends. I am unpretentious, intuitive, perceptive, honest, creative and adventurous, with an interest in others. Into the outdoors, one-on-one sports, movies, deep conversations, dinner parties. You: same characteristics, not necessarily same activities, any race, between 25-40. Let's talk. Call ★★9622.

Radical Dad

Handsome, gym-toned, hot GWM, 6'3", 190, 45, HIV+, sexy, busy, smart, dominant, faithful, romantic, tough, conservative, wild, patient, enthusiastic, loyal, demanding, professional, nature-loving, dependable, opinionated, experimental, top, wise, foolish, bottom, ready for: over-educated romantic professional, 35-40 (show ID!), with blond mane, biceps, humility, idealism, patience, impertinence, gumption, opinions, honor, to share life i.e., hold, sleep, eat, dream, hike, argue, discover, share, provoke, titillate, write poems to, opine, trust, travel, cry, cook, entertain, support, work, you know, love. Call it life. Call ★★9623.

Where's My Penis?

Asian with spinal injury, nerve damage, seeks an understanding friend. Reply BT Box SP75B or call ★★9624.

Are You Sleepless In SF?

Successful 35-yr-old Caucasian, masculine, muscular, cleanshaven, hazel-green eyes, HIV-, black hair, 5'10", 178 lbs., NS, ND. Seeking LTR with fair-featured man, early-30s to early-40s, HIV-, mature, self-aware, communicative and affectionate. Extra points for those who are musical (I play the piano), like exercise (I jog, ski, rollerblade, windsurf & play squash), follow politics, play bridge, like to watch quality movies or share intimate moments. I have great friends, but there is something missing; your handsome self, maybe? Reply BT Box SP76B or call ★★9625.

I Want More

Boyishly handsome head turner, 31, bl/bl, 6'1", 175, lean, muscular, mod. hairy, nice dick, big balls. Sexually aggressive, masculine, self-assured. Mostly top but give it up to those with more: more muscles, more aggressiveness, more dick. I prefer darker white men, my size or bigger, smooth, well-hung. Negotiable if you're as hot as me. And I need all the love I can get. Call ★★9626.

Please, Over 50 Only

5'9", 145 lbs., 60s, HIV-, healthy, active, blue eyes, trim beard, not much top hair, NS, ND, moderate drinker, financially secure, enjoys dancing, swimming, lively discussions, restaurants; interested in world affairs, theater, travel, other people; masculine, stable and upbeat personality; looking for same over 50 for both physical and intellectual LTR. Reply BT Box SP77B or call ★★9627.

Erotic Camping

Novice backpacker seeks more experienced for erotic naked camping trip. Me: GWM, 34, 5'11", 165#, NS, ND, exhibitionist. You: experienced camper and playful. Reply BT Box SP78B or call ★★9628.

Caucasian Wants Asian

GWM, 51, 6'1", 190, beard, blue eyes, brown hair (balding), masculine, good looks, okay shape, HIV-, professional, traveled (Asia), graduate degrees, entertaining, creative, fun in bed, into social justice, wants GAM, 25-35, thin, smooth, maybe athletic, HIV-, cute or unique looks, articulate, sensitive, worldly, humorous, adventuresome, for LTR in SF or East Bay. Chinese and Southeast Asians a plus. Call ★★9629.

Friendship, Fun And...?

GWM, 31, 5'8", 150, professional, intelligent, healthy, straight-acting, emotionally stable and financially secure. Interests include working out (5-6 days a week), travel, healthy eating, biking, hiking, movies, beach and enjoying weekends in and around SF. Seeking a nice guy who happens to be a GWM or GAM of similar age or somewhat younger, has similar interests and is interested in building a real friendship or possibly more. If you're a creative professional (like an architect) and/or have a good sense of humor, it would be a real plus. Reply BT Box SP79B or call ★★9630.

Worth The Effort

Good-looking Scandinavian grad student, 31, 5'11", 180, short brown hair, moustache, solidly muscular, great chest, HIV-, intelligent, funny, stable, honest, independent, communicative, non-materialistic, masculine but uncloseted, seeks an intelligent, good-looking, mature and decent man (30-45) with a hard muscular build who is open to a LTR. We share varied cultural interests and love domesticity, conversation, badinage, roughhousing, and affectionate to kinky sex. I will respond in kind to your detailed letter and photo (returned). Reply BT Box SP80B.

Asian Slaveboy Wanted

Demanding, aggressive, kinky WM, 36, master likes to rope, rape, spank submissive Asian pussyboys (18-35). Total ownership, strict unrelenting rules (inside & out), heavy domination, shaving, spanking, BD, CBT, TT, raunchy socks, WS, VA, public humiliation, complete obedience. Write: Box 461, 1563 Solano Ave., Berkeley 94707 or call ★★9631.

Your Mother Would Approve

Art, gardens and books inspire me, but I'm intellectually interested in nearly everything. I thrive in romantic monogamy. I'm passionate about gardening and cooking. I like my life. 39 y.o., tall, happy, healthy, handsome WM professional needs loyal, fun, mentally charged partner. For a good match you should love both city and country, be passionate about your interests, engaged by art and content with yourself. Call ★★9632.

Relationship Or Friends

GWM, European, 30, 5'9", 155. I'm looking for GAM or GWM between 25-35 y.o., no beard, no moustache. I'm interested in movies, classical music, opera, ballet, museums, making and eating good food, going out of town on the weekend and sometimes dancing. I'm not necessarily seeking a relationship, but would also like to meet some new friends. Call ★★9633.

Are You Looking For A Big Brother Or Dad?

Do you need to find someone who can be your friend, buddy, dad or big brother? This attractive WM, 50, 6', 185 lbs., guy is a masculine aggressive top, yet sensitive, stable and affectionate. You should be 18 to 30s, a nonsmoker, no drugs, good-looking, adventurous, and open to honest communication. Need someone to help give direction in your life or just share some good times. Write PO Box 2771, Livermore 94551 or call ★★9634.

My Favorite Things

38, 6'3", 210 lbs., light brown hair (balding), moustache, hairy chest & stomach. I am very oral (long, wet kisses a necessity) & my nipples are very sensitive. Other turn-ons include (you decide the order of importance): armpits, bald men, bellies, body odor, chocolate, cuddling, feet, feta cheese, fingers, hair, ice cream, ice cubes, imagination, large thighs, laughter, light S/M, the mind, noses, nostrils, Pauline's Pizza, sarcasm, spit, sweat, tongue-washing, touching, uncut, variety, verbal fantasies. Let's explore, have a good time, and together find some new favorite things. You are 30-50, clean and sober, NS. Reply BT Box SP81B or call ★★9635.

Sonoma County Lover Guy

GWM, 44 yrs., brawny, handsome, long blondish hair, intense sincere silver-blue eyes, mountaintop artist. Eclectic tastes in music—classic, opera, house, funk, ethnic—and gourmet foodie, hiker, outdoor observer of nature and life. Just looking for another mature mellow dude to share it all with. You are HIV+, 35+, NS, light drinker, city or country guy, sexually expressive and, most of all, ready to do it one more time. Call ★★9636.

Prefer GAM

But anyone please respond. I am looking for someone to share some time with and who is not afraid to care for someone. Never was into the bar scene. NS, ND. Enjoy camping, theater, reading and just hanging out. I am 6', 210, Irish, hzl eyes & reddish hair. Photo and letter to B.G., H.C. 82, PO Box 8605, Middletown 95461 or call ★★9637.

Take A Chance On Me

Hey, I'm 36, blond, good-looking & slender. Yes, I'm looking for a boyfriend. Yes, I'm attracted to cute, younger guys, 20-30. No, I don't do drugs. No, I don't smoke. No, I don't go to the gym! Yes, my body looks pretty good, nice butt I'm told. Yes, I love "Roseanne" and quiet times at home. Yes, I want a little boy one day. No, I don't fit in. I'm looking for someone cute and sexy who wants to date, get to know each other and fall in love! Yes, I have my share of issues to work out. Yes, I'm pretty understanding, you be too. Yes, I've tried this route before with no success but I have high hopes. Oh yeah, I'm very affectionate, loving, sexual, but no, I don't have a big dick! Please reply to my voicemail ★★9638 or reply with a photo to BT Box SP82B.

Do You Wear Your Heart On Your Sleeve?

So do I. I'm 6'6", slender (190 lbs.), 30, br/blue, HIV-, good-looking, interested in a committed relationship. I'm passionate about foreign languages, travel, teaching, jazz/folk/world music, volleyball and running. I'm gym fit, but it's not my hangout. My life goal: to love and help others, become truly nonjudgmental and succeed at what I strive for. Let's meet for lunch! NS, ND. Reply BT Box SP83B or call ★★9639.

Looking For Friendship?

I find it difficult to find. I'm very affectionate, romantic, attractive, caring, etc. Looking for same qualities in someone 25-40. I'm 29. I like movies, theater, bowling, concerts, etc. I'm also very healthy HIV+. Let me know what you like to do and we'll get together. Let's have fun in life!!! Reply Boxholder-M, PO Box 427041, SF 94142 or call ★★9640.

If You Are Serious

about forming a monogamous life partnership/best friendship, and are not a gym addict, narcissist or egotist, read on. I'm looking for someone with time to invest (no multiple memberships, friendships or heavily scheduled lifestyle) and the capacity for love, generosity and caring. GWM, 45, 5'11", 160, brn eyes, brn-gray hair/bldg, masculine, very hairy, healthy, cleanshaven, well-groomed, stable, adventurous, pleasant personality. Enjoy country music, travel, outdoors, movies, reading, hobbies. We share: good values, no addictions, height/weight proportional, good sense of humor, calm/unpretentious personality, quiet/non-urban lifestyle. Please include return address with response. JN, PO Box 4654, Foster City 94404.

He Fed Me

Cock twice monthly but my Black, masculine, part-time buddy moved away. Can you help? I'm 38, WM, fit, HIV-, orally active, hungry and eager to please a Black guy wanting his dick and balls serviced in a no-hassle way. Your place. HIV-, masculine only. Call ★★9641.

Are You A Shy Asian Guy?

We may have stood around at the N'Touch looking but never meeting. Instead, let's create a safe place to play, to find the pleasure of touch—affectionate, trusting, maybe erotic. You may be in a relationship and want a safe outlet or just want to find a new friendship. I am GWM, 6', 170, medium build, 30s, good-looking & discreet. Call ★★9642.

New In Town

GWM, 29, 5'8", 160 lbs., blond, hazel eyes, college student. I want to be your tattooed love boy. Seeking clean and sober fun—park pacing, movies, museums and concerts (Sonic Youth oriented)—for friendship, possible relationship and hot nasty sex. You be 25-34 yrs. old. If you responded to my first ad and are 29 with first 3 digits of phone number "864-", please call again; I lost number. Call ★★9644.

Serious Silliness

Silly WM seeks another silly WM. I'm 24, 6'2", 190, bl/bl, size 12 shoe. I love movies, urban hiking, movies, reading, movies, Josie's, movies, SNL, movies, singing in the car, movies, snuggling and movies. My new boyfriend is 23-30, ht/wt proportionate with similar interests. Sex is fun, but I'm also looking for a man to date and develop a relationship. NS, ND, no games. Call ★★9645.

Outside The Mainstream

Sociable individualist, serious, playful, insightful and compassionate wants to meet a man who understands that worthwhile relationships take time to develop. I am 39, HIV- 5'9", 160, brn/brn, interested in friendship, love and sex—but not casual sex. You are someone who, like myself, strives for focus in his life and doesn't settle for easy answers. Physically I am most attracted to well-built men my age or younger. Shy OK. Reply BT Box SP84B or call ★★9646.

Seeking Someone Special

I've got lots of friends but am in need of a partner. Sex is great—but I long for more. I'm 32, tall, chubby, hairy, film fanatic, music lover, theatergoer, traveler, nonsmoker, hoping to meet sincere, compatible, tall, somewhat buffed man interested in LTR. Hairy and blue eyes a plus; other big boys and very thin are not. PO Box 1285, Fremont 94538-0128. Work in SF.

Slim Chinese Or Viet. Wanted

Warmhearted GWM, youthful 43, 6'2", 172 lbs., trim, cleanshaven, blue eyes, HIV-, counselor, seeks slim to skinny Asian, 20-33, for brother, boyfriend or lover. Prefer warmhearted nonsmoker, who exercises some and doesn't like bars. I'm affectionate and caring. Let me buy you lunch. Friendship first. PO Box 210202, SF 94121.

Companion Wanted

For drives in the country, exploring the coastal area, dinners out. I love classical music. I'm 5'10", have beard, trim, HIV+. I live in Pacifica. So if you have a car then we can get together for mutual visits. Call ★★9647.

It Can't Be This Difficult...

In all my life nothing has proved to be as taxing as meeting a stable man, or a man that remained stable for any amount of time, for dating here in SF. And there would seem to be no good reason for this. After all, I'm an attractive, intelligent, 24 y.o., GBM (5'11", 155 lbs.). I enjoy conversation, theater, books, dancing, and I love music. With all this going for me one would expect that meeting a GM that is, say, between 23-33 y.o., attractive, and even moderately intelligent would be a fairly simple thing. Nope! In fact it's proving darn near impossible. But you can help. Should you be interested in meeting a grounded, insatiable guy like myself and you meet the criteria listed above, drop me a line. Upon receipt I'll give you a call, and then—well, gosh, who knows what'll happen? A few good times, a little sex, a few more good times—it's all a part of the next level of thrills in this seemingly endless game of GM looking for GM. Send your letter to EAB, 2215-R Market St., #532, SF 94114. Be sure to include your phone number and a photo if you like.

Stanford Graduate Student

GWM, 26, 5'10", 140, very good-looking and intelligent, likes plays, movies, classical music, reading, socializing. Looking for intelligent GAM, 23-30. Call ★★9648.

Hot Curry Seeks Savory Rice

I am ready for a long-term relationship, but we can start with a passionate affair. I am steady and stable, and perhaps you will be the love of my life. I am in my early 40s; you may be somewhat younger, slim and also HIV-. Call for details. Call ★★9649.

How 'Bout A Ride?

Big, tall, strong, handsome swimmer, 43, 6'2", 210#, PWA, still looking really good but having potency problems wants to meet you if that's definitely not your problem and you love the idea of climbing up on my big round butt and riding like the wind. Your race, size, shape, age, HIV status not as important as your healthy self-confidence and powerful lust. Humor and condoms necessary. I'm open-minded, but please: No mass murderers, refugees from schlocky monster movies, or creatures usually found in a wallow. One-timers, repeat sessions, even more if we're enjoying ourselves. Hell, we might even like each other. Reply BT Box SP85B or call ★★9650.

Chubby Chasers

Catch me! I'm in my early 30s, attractive, tall and have lots of love. While you desire my softness, I thrive on your hard body. But I want more than physical chemistry. I'm looking for LTR. Someone who loves pizzas and videos as well as champagne and the arts. Nonsmokers and hairy preferred. East Bay or SF okay. Call ★★9651.

Cuddling Required

GWM, 35, 5'11", 188, bearded, hairy, br, br, thinning, intuitive, passionate, creative, safe, caring, communicative, versatile, big heart, team player, seeks: slender, smaller guy, 28-38, any race, who is self-aware, romantic and stable, for cuddling, friendship, magic and more. My interests include: skiing, theater, kids, square dancing, massage, art, acting, moonlit walks, dinner, monogamy, horseback riding, offbeat films & nature and hot tubs. 12-steppers and fairies welcomed. Call ★★9652.

a regular guy

I'm a solid, sensual, hairy, attractive, friendly WM. I'm also unaffected, masculine, a Bay Area native, very well-maintained late 30s with a bright smile, sexy eyes, HIV-. Looking for sensual playmate and maybe even a friend. Like me, you have a nicely developed body and muscular chest, love to kiss, weight in proportion to height, a good personality, dependable, sane and not one to overstate. Call ★★9653.

Big Butch Bottom

GWM, 41, 6'1", 215, brown/green, hairy, beard.

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SF **POLITICALLY ACTIVE BM,** 5'11, 190lbs, stocky build, goatee, enjoy singing, politically active, should be 5'11 or taller, ☎4627

SF **SKIN HEADED:** 28, latino, into durby jackets, looking to be dom. guy. ☎6480

SF **LATIN LOVER:** 27, 5'10, 165lbs, brw hair/black eyes, latino, looking for vers. men, latin/white in my age group, leave description. ☎6545

SF **VERY BIG GWM,** 31, 6'3, 285lbs, likes dinners, quiet times, sincere honest types, (asians encouraged) ☎6673

SF **WHAT CAN I DO FOR DADDY?** 28 yr old Boy, 6'2, looking for dom. daddy type for fun & other less publishable activities. ☎6905

San Luis Obisbo **LET'S PLAY:** 5'10, 185lbs, looking for man who like to play ,45 w/nice built who wants to get together. ☎7025

SF **SORTA PICKY:** looking for mature, educated, secure, guy who's not too pumped up to date. Call & get to know me. ☎7104

SF **PASSIONATE COUPLE SOUGHT:** Vers. 35 yr old, WM, 6'1, 210lbs, long brw hair/eyes, into photography & passion, please leave a msg. (discretion encouraged). ☎7200

SF **DAYTIME ADVENTURE:** 34, 5'9, 140lbs, tp, looking for fantasy, back rub, seeks 18-30 to fill daytime void. ☎1951

SF **SMOOTH & SLIM:** 27, 5'11, 160lbs, brw hair/eyes, seeks tp guy for fun times, dates. ☎6357

San Jose **EDUCATED LATINO** 35, 135lbs, brw hair & eyes, into outdoors, hiking, camping, seeks educated men in South bay. ☎5675

San Jose **V. ATHLETIC** Latino, 37, 160lbs, brw hair & eyes, enjoy reading, dancing, swimming, searching for rel. w/ poss. romance later on. (educated & sports fan A+) ☎6525

San Jose **ASIAN FIND:** 22, 6'1, 185lbs, Asian, would like to meet yng guys 18-20, If nothing else we could get to know each other for future reference. ☎3946

SF **EARLY RISER:** 5'11, brw hair/eyes,m 145lbs, swimmer's build, looking to get together w/tp guy, early morning get togethers the best ☎5725

SF **THREE FOR ALL:** v. interested in meeting gay couple for fun/adventure! Look me up. ☎5878

South Lake Tahoe **TAHOE: MARRIED BI-GUY** 6'4, 160lbs, 38, (wife loves to watch) I prefer hairy & slender, we both love to party & can play host. ☎6306

Castro Valley **ALWAYS GOOD:** 44, tp, looking for ht bttm for good times, let's have a night to remember. ☎6314

Redwood City **2 HUNKY ALL-AMER. GUYS:** Clean Cut, stached, looking for husky, hunky leath. tp, (25-35), call for our number. ☎6395

SF **DAYTIME ADVENTURES:** 26 yr old, blond, african male, looking for fun in the daytime. ☎2848

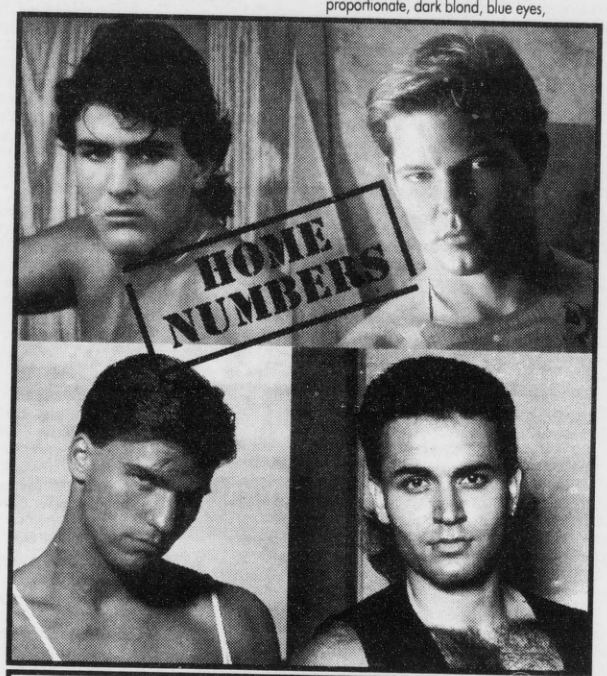
Oakland **GYM TONED SUB. ASIAN:** Handsome, interested in receiving great back rubs, & learning new ropes. ☎3980

SF **OVER 50?** yng tp for bttm over 50, let's connect. ☎3325

SF **I LIKE IT ALL:** 32, enjoy most everything, hey , let's do the city² here- hope'n ya call. ☎3583

SF WEAR A SMILE: GWM, 37, 6'1, 170lbs, blond/blue, seeking men 28-45, call me!! ☎ 6016

Martinez **ALOTTA LOVE TO OFFER:** 36, tall, blond, looking for hispanic male for dinner/movies/& LTR (30-40) ☎ 6033



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SF ALL AMERICAN LOOKS: clean cut, 30s, 6'3, 190lbs, attrac, blue eyes, new to area, desire smooth, clean cut, tall guy to meet. ☎ 2931

Berkeley **OOOOH.. LA LA! 25 YR OLD** French student, very cute, brw hair, looking for other guys to party with -Oui? ☎ 3605

Fremont **LET'S GET TOGETHER** for a reasonably good time. ☎ 4038

SF **BI-CURIOUS:** WM, 6'1, 205lbs, proportionate, dark blond, blue eyes, bearded, looking for bi-curious 25-50, ☎ 5493

SF **HIKING BUFF:** 25, 5'10, 185lbs, wrestler's build, clean shaven, smooth, dark hair, blue eyes, looking for masc. guy into hiking, (prefer young looking blonds). ☎ 5560

SF **East Bay: BIG FEET WANTED!** leave msg if under 30 & have big feet. ☎ 6160

SF **36, GWM,** attrac. , 5'10, 160lbs, med build, stached, brw hair, seeking guy for safe times ☎ 6164

SF **WHY NOT?** 32 yr old, 5'8, 140lbs, goodlookin' guy ISO other gay guys who like to have fun. ☎ 6197

Redwood City **BIG GOLDEN BEAR:** seeks same or admirers, I like to have lots of fun, hope you call, (older men welcome). ☎ 6218

SF **HONEST & ATTRAC.** 39, 6'2, 170lbs, goatee, x-midwesterner, into plays, music, movies, symphony, looking for romantic, caring, honest, & quiet evenings at home type, (any race or age ok) ☎ 6229

Stockton **VERY HAIRY:** would like to hear from other extremely hairy guys! ☎ 2809

San Jose **FRIENDSHIP AND OR REL.** wanted: 25 yr old prof. looking to date prof. men 25-35, if interested leave name in box. ☎ 3151

Santa Cruz **GOODLOOKING 24 YR OLD NEEDS AMATEUR TOUR GUIDE:** just moved here & need someone sincere to show me around, tour me, respect me, let's explore Santa Cruz together. ☎ 3318

Santa Cruz 5'8, 150lbs, 27, **X-ORANGE COUNTY, INTO READING, SURFING,** being outdoors, into musc. masc. guys, ready to have a good time w/right one. ☎ 5122

San Jose **HISPANIC &** Inexperienced, 21, black hair, into dancing, looking for clean shaven, non-smoking guy. ☎ 6099

San Jose **LIL' "TLC"** Young smooth, sub. bttm, looking for dom. daddy type 50+ yrs., like movies, home evenings, outing. ☎ 6161

Alameda **NOT TO BUTCH, NOT TO EFFEMINATE:** attrac. 37, 5'6, 185lbs, into honesty. If your honest, sincere and not into games call. ☎ 5416

San Jose **WHO SAYS THREE'S A CROWD?** We are two great looking hispanic/white guys, hairy chested, seekin other real men in the area.(gym-toned A+) ☎3714

San Jose **YES! I KNOW WHAT I LIKE:** I value men who are strong & dominating. (can be very attentive for right one.) ☎5127

San Jose **DAYS FREE?** I'm a 35 yr old, married, blond/blue eyed, seeking men who enjoy life betwn 40-60. ☎5380

San Jose **VERY FIRST TIME** for this **30 YR OLD** WM, share my fantasy, I'm ready to play & may have my 1st experience w/you —call. ☎5557

Merced **CENTRAL VALLEY AREA:** 5'11, 145lbs, if interested & willing to travel, pleasant adventure awaits, so call. ☎5751

San Jose **YOUNG LATINO SEEKS OLDER LATINO** seeking older latino or asian male for good times. (expecting big things from this ad) ☎3220

Tracy **HEY NINETEEN:** 19 yr old new to scene looking for friendship or whatever comes our way. ☎1905

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Santa Clara **HOLA:** 36, yr old hispanic (look younger do to working out) 5'9, 150lbs, looking to meet white or asian guys socially. ☎2374

SF INTO MILITARY HAIRCUTS? BM, 5'11, good looking, 32, seeks other guys in short hair. ☎3570

SF MY NAME IS THUNDER: I love latino men. I like biking, I'm a toned 5'10, 30, 150lb blond, into sincere guys (not games) —ask for Thunder. ☎3669

SF **NO STRINGS:** 31 yr old, seeking same aged, slim, goodlooking for no strings fun & whatever follows. ☎5355

SF **EXTREMELY NICE:** 19 yr old, 5'8, red hair, 210lbs, let's share the magic of the theatre, musicals, opera, new age music, drama, poetry, writing, & long walks. ☎5556

San Francisco **EXAMINE THIS:** 50 yr old, GWM, seeking med. student. ☎2086

San Francisco **NOE VALLEY:** 27, tall trim, clean cut, seeking clean cut fit tp guys for playful times. ☎2650

SF **WIND ME UP:** 26 yr old, btm, seeking action oriented tps for summer blast. ☎2703

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powerful build. Into wrestling, weights, outdoors. Seeks dominant, aggressive, muscular, physical man, 25-45, any race. I'm aggressive and physical and I'm turned on by guys who're the same or more so. BBs okay, but I'm no cover-boy and you don't have to be either. Not turned on by fat guys, head cases. Man enough? Horse-play to LTR possible. Call ★★9654.

Thai Chinois

Often I'm mistaken for Eurasian, but my physical being is more appropriately described as a global composition. Strikingly handsome face on a statuesque 6'2" frame, with European style and alluring Far Eastern charm, finished with a 9" African endowment (no kidding!). This well-educated, 29 y.o., gym-toned guy seeks handsome muscular men under 35 for fun and more. Call ★★9655.

Massage Guinea Pig

If you're an experienced masseur or attractive massage student, please practice your skills on my silky smooth gym-toned body. If you're a gorgeous, muscular stud-muffin, let me massage you. If you are a bit of both, let's exchange. I'm very handsome, 29, blk/brn, 5'8", 145 lbs., HIV-, very sensitive and caring with a nicely defined physique. Call ★★9656.

Friendship-Dating-Marriage

Is what I'm seeking! Stats: 5'8", 150 lbs., (healthy HIV+), very muscular, very good-looking, ½ Latin, ½ Caucasian, 32 (look late-20s). Into metaphysics, gym, travel, movies, theater, romance, etc. You are very good-looking, 21-35, into gym, healthy diet, metaphysics, etc., with a nurturing, easygoing personality. No drugs, pot, cigs or heavy alcohol. Call ★★9657.

Seeking Same Heart

We're both ready to meet the right man for a long-term monogamous relationship and know what it takes: time together, responsibility, commitment, patience, spontaneity, planning, directness, trust, respect, our own friends, individuality, balance, togetherness, passion, creativity, humor, love, tenderness, sexuality, adventure, time alone, honesty, support, understanding, sensuality, drive, pleasure, being out, inner strength, our own opinions, expressiveness, goals, love of life and work, and having fun. Me: all of the above, GWM, HIV-, 5'10", 32, 165, redhead with lots to share with You: GAM, 27-37, with many of the same traits and interests above and more of your own to bring to this partnership. Would love a letter from you about yourself and a photo (returned). Can't wait! Reply BT Box SP86B or call ★★9658.

M-M

Tall, handsome GWM, 37, br/bl, HIV-, seeking fun-loving GWM, 21-35, HIV-, with cuteness and a sense of fun and freedom, to frolic together and explore the City, the country, and each other. I love beauty, honesty, integrity, sensuality, spirituality (nonconventional), and hours of love-making. I'm fun, real, alive and open to dating, relationship, friendship or whatever. Please call if you are too. Call ★★9659.

Beast Seeks Beauty

Affection soothes this beast of a man. GWM, 31, big, tall, bearded, long-haired, intelligent, artist/performer, HIV-, seeks loving brothers for long-term, part time affection & mutual nurturing. I am strong & affectionate (good kisser, gentle touch, caring) often seen as intimidating & brooding. Seeking loving brothers, slim or solid, 21-41. A warm smile & tenderness mean more than sex or beauty. Call ★★9660.

To Touch Spirit & Body

Sincere, friendly, professional and looking to exchange massages and possibly friendship. This 5'10", 165# GWM likes the outdoors and spending quiet evenings with someone special sharing a meal, trading massages or playing cards; likes

quiet jazz and classical music; likes to dance but still need lessons in CW. You: 40+, sincere, fun-loving, race unimportant, slim to med. built, ND, NS. Call ★★9661.

Bitter? Me?

So what! That's what happens when a funny, smart, attractive guy goes so long without a date. I like me. I'm a good person. But geez, there's only so much stimulation my left hand can provide. And forget conversation. My Lefty doesn't even laugh at my jokes. He just sorta sits there with one thing on his mind. Not a bad thing, but people look at me funny when I hold his hand in the park. Maybe you can hold it instead. So call, please. Call ★★9662.

Shy Romantic

Bright, sincere, professional, 30 y.o. GWM, with good sense of humor, looking for someone special. My interests include movies, theater, music, traveling, politics and eating out. I'm outgoing, but somewhat shy. I enjoy nights out in the City, but also enjoy evenings at home reading a book, having a quiet dinner or a good conversation. I'm looking for an intelligent person with a good sense of humor, similar interests—and other interests to make a good mix. Reply BT Box SP87B or call ★★9663.

To Asians Ready To Settle Down

Stable South Asian professional looking for romance, passion and more. You: 20s-30s, slim, warm, sense of humor. Me: early-40s, average build. Both: HIV-. Call ★★9664.

Attention: K-Mart Shoppers:

Where are the natural, down-to-earth GWM in the Bay Area? I'm looking to find a beefy sexy masculine man, nice looks, gentle 40+ (age not negotiable), good body (weight & height in proportion), versatile with oral preference, well-equipped man tool, hairy (a plus), adventurous, sense of humor, caring, incurable romantic, open-minded, sensual, honest and unafraid of public expression of feeling to mate. This mature man, nature-oriented, is 6', green eyes, gray-blond military cut, good tanned body, HIV-, has employment security, sexually an oral connoisseur w/pierced pecs & armband tattoos. Looking toward LTR possibilities. Letter required w/photo (no photo, no reply). Have lots to offer. "Sleeping alone sucks." Reply BT Box SP88B or call ★★9665.

Man's Man

I'm a 40-year-old man, good stocky shape, bearded, very hairy, very masculine, looking for same only—I want a buddy, not a sister; a Lone Star Salooner, not a Kimo-ette. Someone who would rather go to pro wrestling matches than drag shows on Polk! Must be masculine, beefy, bearish, strong; into weightlifting, wrestling (spectating and participating), boxing (ditto), rough sweaty sex in boots and jocks. Reply BT Box SP89B or call ★★9666.

It Takes Two

Willing East Bay GWM with life and inner self together seeks special man in liking, loving, real friendship—LTR. I'm masc., inwardly/outwardly attractive, 40s, bearded, 5'10", trim, tan, hairy build, sexy legs/barefeet, blue eyes, no alcohol, ND. Need intimacy/closeness. Responsibly growing/learning/achieving in and about my life. I'd welcome/promptly answer your response, especially East Bay area. Reply BT Box SP90B or call ★★9667.

Hot Mouth, Deep Throat Available

For pumping, fucking, feeding, by masculine, aggressive men, 25-50, hairy a plus (not required); good-looking GWM, 34, 5'10", 160 lbs., d. blond/blu-grn. Also into submission scenes and groups. Call ★★9668.

Big Load

Healthy and discreet GWM in 40s with high volume ejaculation would like to meet same for a heavy squirting session. I've yet to meet my match in this department. Serious only send description to Boxholder, 740A 14th St., #391, SF 94114 or call ★★9669.

Intimacy And Friendship

GWM, 41, 5'11", professional, HIV+, in good health, stable and sexually versatile. Seeks: "relationship-oriented" man, young to middle age, who enjoys intimate dinners, movies, outdoor activities, someone who enjoys intimacy and open communication, willingness to give and receive love and above all a positive attitude about life, sense of humor and in good shape. If you are interested and the timing is right for you, call ★★9670.

Friend, Date, Partner?

At 47, I am an attractive, secure, intelligent and available GWM seeking early evening encounters—in and out of the sack. I am 5'11", 160 lbs., HIV-, in-shape with a good heart and a questing spirit. Looking for someone physically lean, spiritually concerned, my own age or younger who is affectionate, responsible and intelligent, who is also looking for support, companionship and physical intimacy. If you have something special to offer, reply to BT Box SP91B or call ★★9671.

Let's Get Naked

Attractive, friendly, boyish-looking GWM, 34 y.o., 5'8", 140#, dark blond hair, grn eyes, clean-cut, hairy trim body, seeks handsome, muscular, independent topman for friends and fun. Reply w/photo (returned) to Boxholder 99, 2300 Market St., SF 94114 or call ★★9672.

Palo Alto Cocksucker

32 y.o. GAM loves giving head to hairy-chested guys under 40. Write me at PO Box 50861, Palo Alto 94303 or call ★★9673, as to where to meet you. I also like to get mounted, but not necessary.

As Day Dawns

I drag my tall, trim body from under the comforter, exercise, brush the cat, shave, shower and go. Weekdays to my own business. Weekends it's kids, bicycling, gardening, errands, dinners with friends. Travel a lot, CW dance a little. Don't drink, smoke or do other no-nos. Happy—yes; complete—not quite. Need an energized, bright, non-mainstream man. Likes: athletic, thin, sensual, uninhibited, outgoing, artistic, clever. Call ★★9674.

Suck Buddy What You Want?

Got one! S. Alameda Co. bi & bald WM, 5'10", 165#, discreet, clnsh, responsible, HIV-, requires horny males wanting wet tongue/warm mouth to work on/up your CB. Unimportant: age, race, cock sz. Important: clean, HIV-, privacy. Wt/ht proportionate, no drugs, no smokers. Gimme a VM call. I'll return it soon. Call ★★9675.

Guys-Sex-Videotapes

Most relationships start with a sexual encounter. Let's try this approach. You: GWM, 35+, oral fixated (getting your man-cock serviced), good looks, well-maintained appearance, endowed, masculine, enjoys man-to-man contact/touching/kissing. Me: attractive GWM, 6', 175#, tanned, good body, mature, masculine, blond, very sexual, somewhat exhibitionist, Blow Buddies regular, enjoy poppers, wines & an occasional brew. HIV- (status irrelevant), hot apt., extensive male art and porno library in Van Ness corridor of the City. Adventurous guy, good size cock, great mouth. Turn-offs: femmes, small cocks, unclean men, colognes, or out-of-shape dudes. Goal: sex buddies, playmates, mutual satisfaction, great head, male bonding. If you're my outlined type of man give a call. What have you got to lose but your load? Call ★★9676.

I'm Lonely In SF!

I've been here a year & a half and still haven't met the quality people I'd like to. It's so hard to get past the sex. Can anyone relate? I love sex, too, but I'd like friendship also! A little about me: I'm 29, 5'11", 170#, attractive, affectionate, romantic, etc. Anyone want to go to the movies, theater, concert, anywhere? Letter/photo to Boxholder-M, PO Box 427041, SF 94142 or call ★★9677.

Outgoing, Energetic

WM, 25, seeks active WM under 35 for dating or relationship. I'm 5'8", 145#, blk/brn. My interests include dining out/movies/outdoor activities and spending quality time with someone special. Call ★★9678.

Let's Get Together

Tall, handsome, hairy and husky GWM, 37, 6', 200, curly brown hair, green eyes, HIV-, seeks masculine man, 30-45, to share the highs and lows of life with. I enjoy pets, reading, the ocean, bridge, tennis, hard work, Jeopardy, San Francisco and good conversation. I'm a little shy, but open up quickly to the right man. Let's talk, look for a spark and then ignite it! Call ★★9679.

Dedicated Partner, Reliable Friend

seeks kindred spirit with LTR experience. We value: mutual respect, spiritual intimacy, balance, disciplined thought, integrity, healthy lifestyles, self-awareness, altruism, home, nature, intuition, classical music(-making), shared journeys, emotional availability, roads less traveled, deep feelings, inner exploration/growth, tolerance, animals, higher self, singing, growing old together, inner child, uniqueness, new approaches, Midwest ethics, walks, teachers, sensitivity, unconditional love. Emotionally/financially secure GWM, 5'7", 123#, alive 45. Call ★★9680.

Let's Make Magic!

Want to bring magic, excitement & fun back into your life? Being HIV+ makes you live life to the fullest! This adventuresome, romantic, good-looking, vers GWM in my 40s can make it happen if you are a magical GWM/couple, HIV+, into movies, plays, fun, trips & sex. I'm 5'9", 155#, brn/hzl, seeking others to expand my horizons in all ways. Start an adventure! Call ★★9681.

Bi Asian Seeks Bi/Gay Asian

Who is under 35, weight/height prop., HIV-, straight-acting, easygoing, sincere, sexually assertive and versatile. I'm 36, 5'11", 170#, and enjoy camping, biking, travel, dining out, massages and intense physical intimacy. Not into scene and femmes. Call ★★9682.

Spanker From Europe

(Hirsute professional, 50s) offers confident session in a tropical setting that is placid, safe and private. Facilitate your access to childhood regressions and adult passions. No discrimination against age, culture, appearance, etc. Tobacco and fragrances are not welcome. Please send SASE and a letter describing your preferred scenario to: Boxholder, PO Box 3464, Santa Cruz 95063. I'll contact you promptly.

Dedicated Professional

It's taken considerable nerve, desire and the harsh reality of being too busy to nonchalantly meet that certain someone that has necessitated this ad. I am 31, 5'6", mature, in-shape and HIV-. I love dogs, cats, hikes (with the dog) in the East Bay hills, quiet times at home, local adventures and the usual. My friends can't understand why I'm still alone. Looking for the same or older for friendship or LTR. Call ★★9683.

Looking For A Needle In A Haystack

Do you hope intimacy might be a friendly science, an enriching conversation on all levels? I am 56, no muscleman, ordinary looks, intelligent, good-humored, sensual, creative (writing), lover of nature and music, born a Hoosier, long a San Franciscan, but looking for something slow and beautiful, impervious to urban swirl. Before the personal chemistry test, let's try a friendly exchange. Drop a note to BT Box SP92B or call ★★9684.

Swap Meat

Me: 38, blue collar, good-looking & sexy, 6'1", 175 lbs., lean, muscular, athletic build, blue eyes, blond hair, moustache, hairy with dark tan, versatile, 8 inches uncut/big head, rock hard, hairy butt. You: 18-40, athletic build, masculine & hung big. For: man-to-man, sweaty animal sex, with a sense of humor. Pluses: Latino/Mediterranean types, uncut meat, bad attitudes, bodybuilders, facial hair. Call ★★9685.

Hay Boyfriend

Let's set up a date. Do you like lean, muscular blond men with a nice round bubble butt? 37 yrs., 5'9", 140, deep dark Speedo tan. HIV-, romantic, playful guy. Do you have a mature, but youthful, mind; a strong body; maybe freckles; and like the outdoors, the smell of hay after the first cut? Give me a call... please. Call ★★9686.

Attention Asian & Latin Men

Handsome GWM, early-30s, 5'8", 140 lbs., br/bl, gym-toned, professional, HIV-, looking to meet relationship-oriented men. I am not looking for stereotypes. This ideal man is 20-50, handsome, masculine, professional, gym-toned & tends to be more of a top. If this sounds like you please respond with detailed letter & photo & you will receive the same. Thank you. Reply BT Box SP93B or call ★★9687.

Wanted: Big Beefy Buddy

Masculine, in-shape guy, 38, 5'8", 160, seeks very masculine linebacker/powerlifter type. Not into the typical role-playing nonsense, but prefer a guy with a dominant personality and an aggressive attitude. My non-stereotypical interests and unwillingness to put up with bullshit make me feel out of place in the "community." You too? Let's relate man-to-man. Call ★★9688.

North Bay

European, prof. artist, mid-40s, HIV-, honest, stable, not bad-looking, slim, not involved in bodybuilding but in arts, classical music, landmark movies, nature, walks in the wild, rather sophisticated straight-looking, seeking friends and a special top one intelligent, sensitive, same feelings. No tricks, no phone mail. Letters only + photo returned. Boxholder, PO Box 281, Windsor 95492-0281.

Young At Heart

GWM, 42, 5'9", 170#, red flat top, blue, glasses, cleanshaven, smooth body, healthy HIV+, 6" cut, versatile bottom, humorous, enjoys nature, movies, cooking, TV, sexy clothes, romance, nudity, honesty, life, fun, sex. ISO a GW/A/L/PI/NA/TV male under 35 y.o. who enjoys same, height/weight proportional-thin. I smoke cigarettes, light drinker, no drugs. Write w/recent photo (returnable) or call. Reply BT Box SP94B or call ★★9689.

Are You Big, Smooth & Muscular?

If you are under 36, big, smooth, muscular, beefy with a great personality, good looks & a nice cut cock, then read on. I'm HIV-, 34, GWM, with a gorgeous muscular athletic hairy body (6'3", 195) great clean-cut looks, nice smile, short balding hair & very oral lips. I'm self-assured, have a great personality, good job & love life. U2. For a great catch call ★★9690.

Looking

Serious GWM, 55, seeks others who are sincere, like outdoors, good times, more likes than dislikes. Coming out of a 29 yr. relationship. Fragile. Poss. LTR. Write for more details. Very open to new adventures. Your photo & letter get mine. 30-up. D., PO Box 282, Fulton 95439 or call ★★9691.

German Artist, 36

HIV+ seeks GBM or GLM to share passion, love, lust; possible relationship. Reply BT Box SP95B or call ★★9692.

I Love

To meet the weekend mornings riding my bicycle, walking or running in a park or sleeping in on Sunday and going to brunch with a good guy. This slim, masculine man, 50s, HIV-, has been going alone for some time and ready to meet another active guy to share the moments, shows, movies, dinners, conversation after a ride would be fun. Wanna talk? Reply BT Box SP96B or call ★★9693.

Tall GWM Wanted

For a non-sexual friendship with same. Me: 6'2", 193# solid, muscular BB, mature and healthy. You: tall, fit, any age and a nonsmoker. We: both seek relaxed and intimate times together, whether it be a night at the symphony, a stroll in the park or having coffee together. Call ★★9694.

Two Hot Horny Guys In Santa Rosa

Need regular oral servicing. We are both HIV-, GWM, no reciprocation, both cut, one is 8", one is 6"; available after 3 pm, Mon-Fri; one is 6 ft., 145#, one is 6 ft., 300#. Available only as a pair. Write: Dudes, Box 282, Fulton 95439 or call ★★9695.

Voulez-Vous...

Tell me what you want. Me: GWM, French, 26 y.o., br/br, cute, 5'8", 140 lbs., professional (MBA), fun to be with. I love: eating, hiking, GWM (especially bl/bl, but my boyfriends are br/br), dancing, making love, laughing, writing, painting, cuddling, going out, long weekends, muscular bodies, being surprised, intellectually stimulated, reading your letter, looking at your picture (a must), and maybe calling you. Try me! Reply BT Box SP97B or call ★★9696.

Sausalito Sailor

Seeks adventurous younger man to share a monogamous relationship and sailing trips aboard my 45 ft. sailboat. No experience necessary, just the desire to explore the freedom and natural rhythm of life and love on San Francisco Bay. Captain, 1001 Bridgeway, Box 428, Sausalito 94965 or call ★★9697.

Intelligence Is Sexy

Professional, intelligent, accomplished WM, 36, witty, warm, good-looking, in-shape, HIV- seeks another man of similar constitution to laugh, to grow, to learn, to live. Call ★★9698.

Tarzan's Quest For Boy

Cute, shy, tan, muscular, outdoor-loving GWM in search of GWM, 20-33, with slim to athletic build, smooth chest, cleanshaven and very boy-like looks, to develop a relationship of deep-hearted love and physical and emotional intimacy (and hot sex!). I'm 6'1", br/bl, 44 (look 34), healthy HIV+. I love skiing, motorcycling, hiking, quiet evenings, cuddling, travel and sharing experiences. Let's navigate this jungle together, Boy and Tarzan. Call ★★9699.

Love Smelly Guys

Squat over me and let me sniff your funky asshole. Love ripe & raunchy mansmells, and especially desire mutual sniffing. I'm hairy, horny, healthy, into sniffing ripe armpits, cocks & buttholes. I can cum often, who knows what else I'll try. Spanking fine. Ball tugging? We'll shoot good, and often. Leave explicit message. Call ★★9700 or write hot note to PO Box 151, Alameda 94501.

Sweaty Animal Sex

Looking for blue collar type Latinos/Med. types with athletic builds & uncut meat. Into rough quality sex and confident men. I'm 36, sexy & athletically built. Hairy body, moustache & big uncut German meat, versatile & energetic. Live in city, work in East Bay; cover a lot of ground. Call ★★9701.

I Know What Boys Like

Brains, experience, hot body, good looks, sexual vitality: that's what I've got for you if you can provide same. I'm 5'11", 160 lbs., very handsome, lean, muscular, well-defined; 44, healthy, HIV+, with wide-ranging interests, experience; sexually versatile, hot. If you've got a mind somewhere between 30 and 50 and a body in the 20s or 30s; if you're sexually adventurous, passionate and well-put-together; if you're street-smart or school-smart, give a call. Sexual chemistry a must, then we'll take it from there. Call ★★9702.

In My Dreams

GWM, 29, 6', 155, brown hair, moustache, intense blue-green eyes, HIV-. Educated, in-shape, lean body, handsome, nonsmoking/drinking. I'm looking to begin a healthy, monogamous relationship with another HIV- GWM late-20s-30s. Turn-ons: mature, intelligent, kind, tall, proportional-bodied, brown-haired, bearded (or not), receding hairline/bald, definitely very hairy-chested and outdoors (non-television) type. I'm directed, fun, active and sincere. Seeking similar type who enjoys life and wants to share quality time together. Please write me a letter with photo. Reply BT Box SP98B.

Funny, Sexy & Stable

GJM, 40-something, HIV-, with a quick mind and an easy spirit, firm stocky build, healthy sexual appetite, and sane outlook on life. I prefer thin men, HIV-, who submit in bed but take charge in other areas of their lives. Funny is important, stable is essential. Please call ★★9703.

Seeking Tall, Dark, Buffed, Very Handsome Hunk

Me: 6'1", 190 well-built lbs., runner/triathlete. Enjoy healthy eating, all sports, music and movies. You: tall, dark, buffed, horny, HIV- (I am), hot, very handsome, muscular man's man (versatile). You must love sex! Us: regular, hot sessions. We both know that it takes another masculine man to make each feel great and we love it! Reply w/photo. Peninsula, discreet OK. Reply BT Box SP99B or call ★★9704.

I Have A Bear Magazine Look

38, GWM. I'm hairy, husky, balding, with a great moustache, dark brown hair, 5'10", 190 lbs., good sense of humor. I seek guy, 20-30, with attractive, boyish looks, for a possible relationship. I enjoy bicycling, walks, films, sci fi, drives, nature & safe, versatile sex (I'm HIV-). I'm not into bars & I enjoy simple pleasures. Call ★★9705.

Masculine Latino Bottom

Very handsome GLM, 5'4", 130#, black/brown, moustache, 40 y.o. (looks 30ish), HIV-, nice body, hairy chest, youthful, energetic, romantic, affectionate, caring, a great kisser, chemical free, into healthy living, not into bars, intelligent, emotionally stable with roots and very proud of his cultural heritage—seeks masculine, Black or Latino males who are strictly tops, HIV-, in good shape, serious, mature, emotionally available, easygoing, down-to-earth, sensitive, out of the bar scene. Looking to meet quality men for friendship, dating, maybe more. Call ★★9706.

Asian/Latin/All Races With Similar Philosophy:

Casual & easygoing homebody, passionate body and soul, a Higher Power/independent Christian, no heavy alcohol/drug dependency, Moderate Pride, seeking more serious Partner or just friends with similar interests. Me: Twilight Zone, Kafka, Kierkegaard, Pascal, Christmas, Chaplin, Looney Toons, the Far Side, music (Orbison, Sade, Winans, Simply Red, etc.), Kirk Cummings, light video—You: ?? (P.S.: exterior, I'm WM, 32, 5'9", 155#, hairy, cleanshaven, "good-looking.") Reply to J.S., PO Box 640041, SF 94109-0041. Letters preferred or call ★★9707.

Older/Younger Affair

Irishman, 50s, wants younger Irishman or Asian man for sex & friendship and being your daddy would be nice too. Haven't been a daddy before, but it seems like a wonderful idea. Reply BT Box SP100B or call ★★9708.

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Looking For Mr. Good Guy

Tall, Southern GWM, smoker, night person, HIV-, 45, a bit overweight, social mentor, professional, big heart, cocktailer, cut, drug-free, diverse interests, strong character (the type novels are written about), FrA/P, spiritual, looking for a tall nice guy, HIV-, drug-free, interesting character, a night person, cut, and into oral delights. This is not for a one-night stand. Looking for a relationship partner to enjoy life, laugh, snuggle and cry with. Of course it's where the cards of fate deal. Boxholder, Box 107, 564 Mission St., SF 94105 or call ★★9709.

39 And Hoping

... To meet a fun guy who seriously desires a monogamous relationship. I'm a Financial District suit-and-suspenders professional, 5'10", 175, beefy gym build, blond, blue, 'stache, kind and considerate. I enjoy motorcycles, movies and romantic dinners. You're a GWM, 39-55, professional, romantic and dependable. We're both HIV-, cut, live alone (in SF or Southern Marin only), own cars and don't smoke or do drugs. Let's meet for lunch or after work. Call ★★9710 or write PO Box 2016, SF 94126.

Still Optimistic

I've advertised before, met a lot of nice people, but that "special" chemistry was lacking. Having experienced a LTR in the past, I keep trying to connect with the right man as I know the payoff is worth the effort (optimistic? romantic? fool? All of the above?). What I seek: affection, healthy sexual connection, good sense of humor (someone who does not take himself too seriously), companionship and good communication. What I enjoy: long walks/hikes (with my dog), socializing with friends, regular exercise (gym or other), attending theater/movies, flea marketing, dining in and out, drives in the country, art/architecture, quiet times, good conversation and sharing. You are preferably: attractive, 30-40, trim/firm body, cleanshaven, full head of hair, gentle, nurturing, masculine, self-confident, professional, HIV-, nonsmoking. I'm a young 42, of Jewish descent, architect/designer, 5'9", br/br, 155 lbs., attractive, muscular/trim, HIV-, a transplanted Easterner with an infectious sense of humor, caring demeanor and realistic expectations. Interested? Be optimistic. Call ★★9711.

Congenial, Slim, Upbeat

GWM, 50s, 5'8", 130#, dark hair, bearded, balding, affectionate nature, passionate kisser (bonus: removable upper denture), wishing to meet a healthy laid-back studly guy with a sense of humor and the patience to teach me how to deep throat his thick, clean, handsome, uncut dick. I'd love to see this dream turn into reality! Write w/photo to BT Box SP101B or call ★★9712.

Blonds

Blonds, both natural and chemically induced, are a real turn-on for me. I have dark hair, pale skin and light eyes. If you are blond—or wish you were—I would like to meet you. At the very least we can have a hair-dying party! Reply BT Box SP102B or call ★★9713.

I Really Want You In My Life

But, dammit, I will not settle for just anyone because he may think I'm cute. I want to be attracted to you too! So let's take bluntness this time. Me: 37, average height, 5'7½", 160 lbs., hazel eyes, GWM. I am definitely very attractive & have problem meeting other equally attractive men. Sorry but, yes, looks are important. I mean, after all, is it not physical appearance that starts it all upon your meeting? C'mon you serious romantics at heart, take this chance & send me a brief letter with one of your best photos. I won't keep it if you want it returned. Maybe the 29-cents will triple your return. Just maybe it's our turn to meet and fall in love for keeps! Call ★★9714.

Attn: Fire & Water = Steam Heat

I am intrigued by your ad. It's great, however, I am not able to answer your voice mail box. Please drop me a note to let me know how to reach you by phone or mail. I'd really like to talk to you. Reply BT Box SP103B.

Heh Red!

Answer my ad! I want to meet you, redhead, for thoughts and talk, body chemistry, maybe more. I'm handsome, sexual, sensual, 37, mixed race (white/Black/Cherokee), look Puerto Rican, 6', 190#, black goatee, chestnut brown eyes, HIV-. My life is filled with my talents and interests, which could include your bright mind, demonstrative nature, and drug/tobacco-free reality. I'm waiting. Call ★★9715.

Priorities

Are important, having them even more so. I'm looking for a friend/lover who has his in order and doesn't come loaded with attitude, can converse intelligently and would enjoy a warm and loving companion. I'm 45+, 160 lbs., 5'8", beard, attractive, professionally successful and HIV+. I enjoy conversation, good wine, good friends, travel, intimacy and trust. Let's meet and share our lives. Call ★★9716.

All Or Nothing At All

Is what I want. Interesting-looking GWM, 43, desires full treatment, including sex, dates, companionship. I am 5'10", 165 lbs., somewhat Jewish in appearance although a gentile with a medium build, hairy chest, br/br (with light touch of gray), salt & pepper moustache, gym-toned & fit. Am versatile, HIV- & seek same. Stable & available with fun-loving, outgoing personality. Attracted to variety of types. Do require affectionate man of substance, wit & intelligence. Must like socializing as well as quiet times at home. Usual interests. If window shopping from laundry list or obsessed with looks & fantasies, skip this ad. I am a real person. NS/ND. Call ★★9717.

Get Out And Go For It!

WM, 40, very fit, HIV-, 6'2", 213, red/brn, seeks LTR with WM, LM, under 45, very fit, HIV-, masculine, adventurous, versatile, nonsmoker, honest, enjoy running, cycling, rafting, campfires, dance clubs, Giants games, Sundays in bed watching football. Prefer blue collar types, beefy, minimal body hair, no facial hair. I can travel. Call ★★9718.

So Difficult To Find

Black man, mid-40s, 5'11", 210 lbs., balding, neat and clean. Seek masculine men of color for intimate safe lovemaking. If you are young (20s-30s), please be mature-acting; if you are older (40s-50s), please be young at heart! You don't have to have a "gym-toned" body, but height and weight proportion would be appreciated. Your HIV status is your own business! Call ★★9719.

Couple Seeks Bad Boy(s)

Happily married (but slightly degenerate) couple seeks another individual or couple for occasional romps. Us: both attractive, 33 y.o. GWMs, 1 HIV+, slim but not gym-toned (yet), sexually versatile, kinky but clean and safe. You: 19-35 (prefer younger), GWM(s), slender to somewhat muscular; bad boy looks (tattoos, short hair, piercings) and attitude a+. Turn-offs: clones, facial hair, bourgeois, smokers, substance abusers and Republicans. Send recent photo with a short reply (photo a must, but returned at your request). Reply BT Box SP104B or call ★★9720.

Little Guy—Big Cock?

You fit the saying that big surprises come in small packages; love showing off your big meat and enjoy the attention when guys admire that big dick on your little body. WM, late-40s, wants to worship your cock. Asians and Blacks a plus. PO Box 426655, SF 94142 or call ★★9721.

Let's Negotiate Great Sex

OK, here's the deal: I'm hoping someone else is looking for the same thing I am, a friend and companion, a great sex partner, an intimate relationship within the guidelines of independence and self-reliance. I am a 37-yr-old Hispanic man, 130 lbs., 5'6" with a real big... "heart." I am asymptomatic HIV+ and physically, emotionally and financially stable. I recently retired from work in order to enjoy life and love but despite having a lot of life I have no love. I am seeking an African-American male between 30-45 yrs. old who does not need me to validate his existence but instead needs me to be there every once in a while for a hug, a movie and great sex. Let's negotiate that medium between loner and lover. Reply BT Box SP105B or call ★★9722.

Fit, Romantic And 65

Mature WASP still looking for Mr. Right. I'm 5'10", 175 lbs., silver hair, blue eyes, smooth body, medium build (in every sense) and looking for the same—romantic, average guy w/above average sensibilities. Not into sleaze, youngsters, gym bunnies, or "hung" men. Passion and affection is what I need. I care about people, but need someone special to care about me. Photo to PO Box 2608, Sausalito 94965 or call ★★9723.

For HIV+ Men Only

Sprd, architect, healthy 8 yr. survivor, 37, 5'11", 150#, br/br, goatee & hairy, ND, NS, NDr, no sports/gym buff, seeks to meet other masc. hairy & bearded men with more than a Castro/Folsom clone personality for frndshp/buddies, maybe more. Blnd/red/s-p/W pref., same age or older, fin. sec., sex, prop. wt. to ht./age; my interests range from classic to contemp. on most subjects plus travel & entertainment. Positive mind, conf. w/yourself and free of hang-ups all a+. Write to MAS, PO Box 14635, SF 94114.

Do You Dig Talking Dirty & Listening?

Oakland male seeks guys with deep masculine voices or sexy foreign accents who love to jack off and talk dirty (in person) one-on-one while drinking/smoking/partying—my place (share costs 50/50) for 10-11 pm meetings. Getting into buddy-to-buddy phallic worship. Not into top/bottom role-playing, shaved, videos, mirrors, groups, couples. Age, size, looks unimportant. Long scenes desired, not quickies. Serious only. Call ★★9725.

Cocksucker Fantasy

You're Mediterranean/Levantine dark and very hairy. While I am fair and blue-eyed. You are stocky/muscular. I am trim and lean and smooth. Other opposites that form the whole: dominant/submissive, feeding/sucking, standing/kneeling. I have oral fetishes for your cock, balls, feet, hairy, socks and underwear. And these are the fulfillment of your own desires and needs. Safe sex and HIV-. Call ★★9726.

Friend/Lover In SF

GWM, 54, healthy, HIV-. Stocky, clean-cut, stable, nonsmoker, light drinker, no drugs. Tired of being alone. Looking to share the good things in life, fun times and gentle loving with a masculine guy, mid-40s to mid-50s, who is secure and has a quiet sense of humor & lives in SF. Call ★★9727.

Non-Anglo WM, Handsome Grad Student

26, 5'11", 190 lbs., stocky, br/gr, seeks 26-32, like himself: mature, idealistic, sexy, bright, aware, real. Everything done in moderation OK, not into health nuts, anti-anything, gay scene addicts. Important stuff: mutual attraction, chemistry, connecting, bonding, comfort to be you. Turn-ons: heart-melting smile, sexy legs, thick hair, stocky, toned, balanced yin/yang, insatiable sexual appetite, relationship-oriented but willing to take one day at a time. Your friendly letter and pic gets mine. Reply BT Box SP106B or call ★★9728.

C.O.D.

(Charming Old Dude) from Europe seeks men who appreciate the warmth and sensibility that comes with experience. This hard-working, healthy man in his 60s prefers men of substance who have their act together. Please add your unique style and warmth to my San Francisco life: books, walks, talks, music, movies, laughs—all need to be shared. Responses from GAMs especially welcome. Photos returned. Reply BT Box SP107B or call ★★9729.

Give It Up

To a real man for a ride of ecstasy. Rock hard 180 lbs. of muscle, hot rod and butt slammers, 34, 6', dark blond, green eyes, cleanshaven, hairy, HIV healthy, nice butt, big, sensuous hands and feet, handsome face, very masculine, aggressive and passionate sexually. I go for guys near my size that are handsome, masculine and muscular, but don't give it up easily. If that's you... Reply BT Box SP108B or call ★★9730.

Kinky Party Guy

GWM, 30s, muscular, looking for others into partying, fantasies, role-plays, 3-ways or small groups, toys, nasty fantasies, dominance/submission, humiliation. Let's get down and nasty together. Let me know your scene. All replies answered. Reply BT Box SP109B or call ★★9731.

Davy Crockett Kilt A B'ar

When he was 3. Don't want to be kilt and don't want a 3-year-old. But good-lookin', hairy, masculine, uncut bear, 52, 5'10", 197 lbs., brown hair/eyes, gray beard/'stache, HIV-, affectionate, mellow, stable, honest, NS, light drinker in pretty good shape with usual interests (music, movies, theater, travel) is lookin' for masculine NS smaller bear-hunters. Call, write about you. Reply BT Box SP110B or call ★★9732.

HIV+ Latin Top Wanted

Capricorn, Virgo or Scorpio only. Moustache, tattoos, uncut, mota are a plus with me. 1962 white male, 6 foot, 185 lbs., blond, blue, moustache, cute cuddlemonster seeks special soulmate. Call ★★9733.

Sex In The Bushes

Is my favorite, but it will be cold soon. Looking for sex partners/friends for evenings of sharing fireside warmth and each other. I'm a GWM, late-40s, 5'9", 210 lbs., s/p hair & moustache. Turn-ons are great kissers, oral enthusiasts, facial and/or body hair, nipple play, honesty, humor, non-gym types. Reply BT Box SP111B or call ★★9734.

Massage Therapy

Mid-Peninsula area. I have magic fingers and would make you melt with my Swedish style. Have professional training, make house calls. Good-looking guy, 6'2", 180 lbs. Call ★★9735.

To Anyone It Might Concern:

Hey, thank you for reading! This is a message from bearded, foreign-born white male, 35 y.o., 5'5", 120#, who didn't lose an ability to smile yet. You are probably younger and small to medium. Smooth and lean are big pluses. Please reply to PO Box 427242, SF 94142 or call ★★9736. Thanks again.

Once You Go Fat...

You'll never go back! Me: chunko chunko burning love. GBM, 33, 5'8", 350, HIV-, hairy, shy, vers. bottom. Love safe sex, reading, comedy, music, talking, kissing, cuddling, mornings together. You: 30-45, wt. proportionate to height, GW/L/AM, aggressive, yet caring top, HIV-, safe sex practitioner. GA, FrA/P, affectionate, let's get together and live the fantasy, go for the gusto, keep going and going and... Reply BT Box SP112B or call ★★9737.

Young Seeks Older

GAM, 20s, seeks an older gentleman for a very special friendship based on mutual respect, understanding and love. We're both honest, sincere, attractive, educated, HIV-, and have much to share/offer. Interests include dancing, PBS, art, driving in the mountains and candlelight dinners. Life is full of surprises and possibilities. You won't be disappointed. Recent returnable photo is greatly appreciated. South Bay preferred. Reply BT Box SP113B or call ★★9738.

Voluptuous Phallic Worship

Me: well, I'm a tall, handsome, very fit man—fair, blond, smooth, HIV-. I would love to get on my knees for a beautiful, strong, dominant man who will tell me what he wants—give him oral worship in every way we can devise—feet, hairy thighs, balls, biceps, tits. Fantasy. HIV- and safe sex. Call ★★9739.

Outdoors Person Wanted

Seeking a special friend to take sailing, hiking and enjoy passionate physical encounters. Me: handsome WM, 35 years old, 5'4", 135 lbs., brn hair and eyes, moustache, physically fit and in-shape, non-drinker, light smoker (outdoors only). I am HIV+, asymptomatic, in excellent health, versatile and very oral; I am an educated professional who is mature, responsible, honest, outgoing and likes to have fun! A relationship beyond casual is desired. I also enjoy movies, dining out, travel and socializing with friends. You are 30-40, handsome, height proportionate to weight, communicative, honest and mature, who wants more than just an occasional meeting. I live on the Peninsula—you are in SF, Peninsula or South Bay. Call and let's talk! Reply BT Box SP114B or call ★★9740.

Orally Yours

Made in Italy, 45, 5'8", 160 lbs., dark, muscular, masculine, hairy, balding, HIV-, hung thick uncut into safe-happy times and natural basics, seeking similar men, well-hung, in good shape, for friendship and quality times in the City or at the River, inside or outdoors. Into J/O, oral sex, videos, pictures, shaving and other fantasies. Not into drugs, tobacco or bars. Hairy a plus—honesty a must. Note/photo to PO Box 2554, Guerneville 95446-2554 or call ★★9741.

Looking For Mr. Right

Deaf, Jewish, gay male, 40 years young, blue eyes, brown hair, 6', slender, moustache, masculine, sincere, affectionate, honest, good-natured and humorous, seeking Black and Latin gay males, 21-45, masculine and honest for friendship, hot times and maybe more. If interested, please drop me a letter with phone and photo if possible to: Boxholder, PO Box 190223, SF 94119-0223.

Magical Friendship

Most of my deepest friendships are with people who are similarly strong-willed, creative, awed by the Great Spirit of life, open to the wickedly funny (and at times anguished) contradictions of being, sensitive to their individual relationship to the whole. In my 30s, WLTM healthy, non-rigid kindred spirits for sharing mutually interesting terrains (hikes, museums, cafes...). If you feel the call, please call, or better yet write. Reply BT Box SP115B or call ★★9742.

Bare Feet

Muscular GWM, late-30s, into bare feet, seeks other(s) into same. If this is your scene (or you might be interested in trying it) call and let's talk. 3-ways OK, too. Reply BT Box SP116B or call ★★9743.

British Love Seeks

British GWM. Mild 40s (5'11", 155), attractive both in looks & personality, with blue eyes, slim but firm build & Anglo-Saxon features. Seeks a sincere friendship leading to relationship with another GM, 27-45. I am open to cultural diversity and color of my partner. Your interests, as mine, could include music, art/design, theater, good food and community service. I have an established design & marketing business which has served the gay community for many years. If you feel sincere and fit the part, please call and leave a message. I dislike voice mail but I will return your call. Thank you. Call ★★9744.

Turn A Smart-Ass Into A Smarting Ass

Boyish WM, 33, slim, healthy, needs guidance and discipline from masculine man. I can be funny and endearing or a rude brat. Seeking healthy WM, 30s-40s, who's strong and loving, but also knows when to turn me over his knee for a bare-ass paddling. Not into S/M. Seeking LTR with right man. Earn my respect and win my love. Call ★★9745.

Solano County

New to area. Seeking friends and LTR. GWM, 52, 5'11", 162 lbs., brn/grn, top, HIV-, attractive, professional, gentle spirit. Varied interests including art, music (classical and easy listening), gym to stay fit, travel, home, gardening. Smoker, light drinker, no drugs. Letter with photo preferred. Reply BT Box SP117B or call ★★9746.

A Breath Of Fresh Air

Even though I'm 37, I look much younger than most guys in their late-20s. I'm Chinese, 5'9", 140 lbs. I like dating with younger, professional GWM who are 5 to 10 yrs. younger than myself. I like someone who is very honest, straightforward, nice-looking, with a pleasant attitude. So take a chance. You'll be in for a very pleasant surprise! Call ★★9747.

East Bay Teddy Bear

Husky, handsome, 36, 5'8", 215#, hairy, Mediterranean GWM, br/br, HIV-. You: honest, affectionate, cuddly, passionate, romantic, financially stable, like day trips, movies, intimate conversations, quiet times, friends and like dogs. You consider yourself handsome and like who you are. NS, ND, little or no alcohol. HIV+ or HIV-. Photo appreciated & returned. Reply BT Box SP118B or call ★★9748.

Relationship

Now that my career is established, all I need is someone to love. This confident, open-minded, giving, 25 y.o., HIV+ Asian is sexually versatile and looking for someone to share good times and bad. Interests include sex, swimming, sci fi, music, comedy, dancing, hiking, etc. Please be cleanshaven and under 35. (P.S., I have a weakness for blonds.) Reply BT Box SP119B or call ★★9749.

I'm Imperfect, You're Imperfect

Could be richer, could be thinner GBM, 30s, seeks romantic, non-narcissistic GWM (but open to other ethnic possibilities). A sense of humor is important. No smoking or drugs or excessive drinking. A cuddler who doesn't mind a little bit of grappling. Must enjoy long walks, sunsets, dancing, TV, movies and occasional roadtrips. Honesty is a very attractive trait. Reply BT Box SP120B or call ★★9750.

Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos

Recently visited Vietnam as tourist; wanted to see Cambodia and Laos, but not possible. Am white American, 5'8", 155, caring, HIV-, mature, looking for Vietnamese, Cambodian, Laotian and other Asian friends—married welcome. I'd like to show you photos and tell you about my "experiences" in Saigon. I live between Oakland and San Jose. Photo/phone if possible. PO Box 5294, Pleasanton 94566.

Seek Asian To Love

And be loved by. I'm GJM, East Bay teacher, 44, 5'11", 170, HIV-, bearded, balding, handsome. I play piano, love nature walks, cultural events, exploring SF and elsewhere. Spiritual interests, out as gay, value reliability, monogamy, communication, heart. Not into money, status, tobacco, drugs. Describe yourself, include phone, photo optional. PO Box 8031, Berkeley 94707 or call ★★9751.

HIV+ Dad Seeks Butt Boy

Professional, 46, WM, needs hairy, bearded (or some facial hair), HIV+ butt boy, short hair, uncologned, for bed & breakfast (perhaps dinner) connection. Seek a little lust and maybe some romance. Dad is Folsom-oriented from the "old days." Boy should be primarily bottom but not be squeamish about giving dad his fist on occasion. Boy is a good kisser, likes TT, CBT, maybe spanking, but only if done by a loving older man in charge. Let's talk—time is short—winter's cold nights are approaching. Black gentlemen particularly invited to respond. Call ★★9752.

Affectionate Outdoorsman

Handsome and sexy GWM, 54, 5'10", 168, blue eyes, moustache, seeks attractive, masculine man for potential lifemate. Interests include bicycling, hiking, organic vegetable gardening, and weekend outings. You are HIV-, NS, light/ND, great shape, and have the capacity for warm-hearted affection and playfulness. Extra points for being hairy and balding, outdoors-oriented, and 10-15 years younger. Call ★★9753.

Apprenticeship

Me: 40+ cornboy in transition bottom to top, 5'8", 145#, gym-goer, brown-gray hair, brown eyes, 7" cut. Seeks experienced top to teach me the finer points of dominating. I serve you: you allow me to assist when training other boys. My masters have always been satisfied. Time of commitment negotiable. Available for interview, examination, inspection. Call ★★9754.

Hey "River Phoenix Wannabe"

You're 23, 6'1", and intelligent—although it wasn't immediately apparent because you did not leave your phone number. Please try again. I thought you were rather interesting. Call ★★9755.

Imaginative Sex

And friendship is what I seek with a discreet, masculine guy. I'm a handsome, warm and intelligent WM, 30s, who exercises regularly. Hopefully, you also work out frequently and are good-looking, well-groomed. In the bedroom, I prefer a man who can be romantic and passionate, but also dominant, with a taste for role-playing, fantasy, light bondage and a little leather. Outside, let's share interest in sports, outdoors. Race, marital status unimportant, but sanity, sincerity a must. Call ★★9758.

Protege Or Peer?

Yearning for intimacy? Are you my handsome protege who deserves my emotional support, guidance, love, or my attractive peer who shares with me joys and challenges life has to offer? Handsome, capable executive, well-educated, successful, HIV-, 30-something, versatile with chiseled, muscular physique, Latin/Asian features, caring soul, athletic grace would like to

win your heart. Letter/photo: 584 Castro St., #204, SF 94114 or call ★★9756.

Eyes Blurring?

Forget about the exacting specifications and requirements so common on these pages. Your average guy here seeks others to talk with, have a drink with, pal around with. Perhaps even to touch and mess around with. Write or call and we'll get in contact and see if there is enough mutual interest to pursue further. If you send a photo, I'll respond with same. Reply BT Box SP121B or call ★★9757.

Over 50?

Well-built, blond corporate stud, late-30s, turns on to corporate power players/successful professionals/retirees over 50, no upper age limit. Former professional model with impressive management career track. I'm romantic, savvy, sexy, HIV-, nonsmoker. Relationship desired. Seeking a lover/dad/mentor who'd be proud of his boy. Call ★★9759.

Hopeless Romantic

In this shallow world of computers, mind deadening TV, and rampant violence, I still believe it is possible to have a happy, healthy, intelligent, caring and intensely sexual relationship. My interests include literature, the arts, films, travel, animal issues, volunteer work, also simple pleasures, conversations in cafes, playing games, cooking, gardening. Sexually I prefer someone 30-45, GWM, a top, not strictly vanilla sex, but no serious S/M, nonsmoker/drugs. I am a GWM, 40, attractive, blnd-blue, 190, HIV+. Reply BT Box SP122B or call ★★9760.

A Man Has Needs

What this man needs most, and all he has time for presently, is quality masculine intimacy with one naturally monogamous other who, like me, is HIV-, nonsmoker, bright, honest, clean, self-esteeming, busy, productive, down-to-earth and physically fit. I'm GWM, 40s, 5'10", 165#, soft-spoken but quite manly, sexy hairy body and equipment. Sexually dominant. Beautiful smile. You're 35-55, probably dark, tall, lean/thin, mostly passive. Chest hair appreciated. Leg hair essential. Have transportation. Will give some priority to scheduling weekend dates. Dining in, hiking, movies, videos, soft music and long, unhurried, intense sessions of lust and rapture. Call ★★9761.

Missed You

I looked at you at times at a restaurant called Without Reservations in Castro on Sept. 6 (Labor Day) around 2:30 pm. I (GWM) was not sure if you (GBM) were interested in meeting me or watching my conversations in sign language with my good friend. So if you ever see this ad, please drop me a note with phone number to: Boxholder, Box 3598, SF 94119.

Boyfriend Material

Healthy GAM, 42, 5'9", 175#, nonsmoker, seeks GWM, under 40 for friendship and possible relationship. My interests include computers, photography, travels, music, movies, singing, walks, table tennis, dining out, romantic evenings. We should have compatible interests and the desire to sustain a lasting commitment. Life is too short to spend it alone. Let us share our joys and sorrows. Reach out and take a chance at happiness. Reply BT Box SP123B or call ★★9762.

GAM Seeks GWM

For friendship and good times. Enjoy old action serial movies, PBS, opera, ballet, gardening, traveling, walking, good conversation, dancing & dining out. I'm trim, friendly, attractive & enjoy leather but not into S/M. You: 20-50, nonsmoker, HIV-, in-shape, have a sense of humor & enjoy the same interests I have. Reply BT Box SP124B or call ★★9763.

Gentle Latin Lover

Successful professional, comfortable home, near the City, looking for a partner with whom to share. Very oral, tits and pits and full body massage are my pleasures. I'm 5'11", 180#, brown eyes, black hair, HIV- and 40-something. Into trail hiking, classic cars, theater, dancing and museums. Relationship-oriented, but let's get acquainted first. Call ★★9764.

Seeking Sex

I am open to dating, a relationship, friendship or a one-night stand. It depends on how we hit it off. I enjoy almost any sex that's safe, especially intercourse both ways. I am white, dark blond, 5'10", 155, 30 y.o., HIV+, sober, reasonably educated, an unashamed polite smoker, very good-looking, in great physical and emotional shape, sometimes very interesting and sometimes boring. I would like a partner who is similar in age, give or take about five years, and with similar looks. Race not important. Crass attitudes and men who won't kiss are real turn-offs. Call ★★9765.

Combo Special

Good-looking, healthy, WM, very lean, defined swimmer, 5'11", 29"w, and blessed seeks honest, bright, well-built fella with laughing eyes and gentle heart for warm, sensual friendship. Call ★★9766.

How About A Cup Of Coffee?

We've got to start somewhere. Especially if we want to be married by Christmas (or at least well on the way). Life is good for me right now but I'm missing that special someone to complete the picture. The preliminaries: 45, 6'2", 190#, handsome, NS, healthy HIV+ (incorporating that has been a bitch, but I think I'm at least up to date), community involved, like to bicycle, CW dance (I lead), some leather/SM (again, I lead). Before I start to sound too bossy—if some of this interests you, and you're around my age or younger (pluses: small guys, skinny guys, Asians), looking for loving commitment and a partner to face this AIDS shit with, give me a call—let's not waste any more time. Call ★★9767.

Looking For Something More Meaningful? Me, Too!

GWM seeks GAM for LTR or more. I'm attractive, 6', 175 lbs., mid-30s, cleanshaven, HIV-, NS/ND, stable professional, in good shape. I love the outdoors, like hiking, swimming, and skiing, but I'm also a sucker for a good movie or play, and I love spending easy time with my close friends or the right person. (I usually burn dinner, though.) You: 25-35, slender, HIV-, and sincere. Call ★★9768.

Bay Area Bondage

31-yr-old gay young white male looking for others, 18-40, to play. Have you thought about it but never acted on it? I can provide light to heavy in a safe secure environment. Sex or no sex. Top/bottom or mutual. Leather, rope, rubber gear or football player fantasies. Me: 6', 190, brn/brn, cleanshaven, boy type. Asian/Latin/white encouraged. Take that chance! Call ★★9769.

Quatrefoil/Who Is John Galt?

Objective: friends, soulmate, lover. Offering: clean-cut but unconventional GWM, 31, 5'9", 165#, blue/blnd, self-employed, perceptive, conceptual thinker, passionate, versatile, insatiable. Desiring: open, functioning mind, creative, professional or entrepreneur, good shape (gym buddy?), masculine, supportive, tolerant, still growing, improving, individualist. Common interests: "classical"-liberal politics/philosophy, architecture, world travel, self-improvement, classical and contemporary music, good food, wine, conversation and company. Call ★★9770.

If Music Be The Food Of Love...

Handsome GWM, 5'11", solid 200, 31, masculine and romantic, finds so many of life's insights, inspiration, consolation and joy through the spirit of music (e.g., Handel, Brahms, Mahler, Elton, Van, Chapin, Garth, Satchmo, Youssou, John Kee). Worldly wise and down-to-earth, well-traveled and a homebody, dynamic and reflective, activist and recluse, sexually playful and romantic, concerned foremost with community and shared values. Seeking new friends (possibly more), GWM/GLM, 23-33, with passion for music and life, living with integrity, self-possessive, creative pursuits, great sense of humor, who craves "passionate kisses." Photo (returned) and letter to BT Box SP125B or call ★★9771.

Scat Sex

I'm looking for some wily, rowdy outhouse dogs to keep my evenings lively. Only guys with a twisted love of raunchy, down-and-dirty shit sex need respond. I'm 5'7", 140#, lean, lightly furry body, long-haired and bearded, in my 20s and good-looking. I wear my brown hanky on the left. Like me, you're nasty-minded and level-headed. If you're a good-looking, bearded bear, you're one of the guys I'm looking for. Reply BT Box SP126B or call ★★9772.

Big Butch Bottom

GWM, 6'1", 215, br/gr, beard, hairy, masculine, powerlifter build (50c., 18a), aggressive & physical. Into weights, outdoors, camping, hunting, wrestling. Seeks dominant, aggressive, muscular topman, any race. In shape, 25-45, hairy a plus. Man enough? Horseplay to LTR possible for right man. Call ★★9773.

Happily Married Bisexual Male

5'8", 33, brwn/grn, attractive, dark skin, gym-toned, articulate, well-adjusted and happily married bisexual male seeks same or some derivative thereof. My wife and I are committed to making our marriage work and therefore recognize and support my need to hook-up with another man who is in a primary relationship. I'm looking for friendship, camaraderie and/or sex, it all depends. Please be comfortable with yourself, your sexuality and be somewhat aware of what you are looking for. Reply BT Box SP127B or call ★★9774.

Adventure + Chemistry =

... a cute and masculine guy into "innocent" explorations, friendship, great adventures and possible LTR. The result of my chemistry quest should equal someone just as cute on the inside as on the outside, an honest guy under 31 who's ready for an adventure of his own. Smooth and slim types earn extra points. I'm 32, 6'1", 165#, blond/blue, very outgoing and kinda intense. C'mon, let's find out how much fun science can really be! Reply BT Box SP128B or call ★★9775.

Sleepless In SF

"When I fall in love, it will be forever." Anyone want to take me up on this offer? I'm a 22-year-old native San Franciscan. Stocky build, 5'7", 160#, blk/brn, and I'm Chinese. I'm looking to date Caucasian and Hispanic males under 30 who are looking for a friend and a possible relationship. There's more to me than just words, so please respond if interested! Call ★★9776.

Black, Healthy, Horny

If you're monogamous, fun-loving, need a friend and/or partner & practice safe sex—I'm encouraged to meet you for some good ol' times. I strongly prefer "old men" who could stand the attention & admiration from someone 40ish. Call ★★9777.

Fellow Motorcyclist Wanted

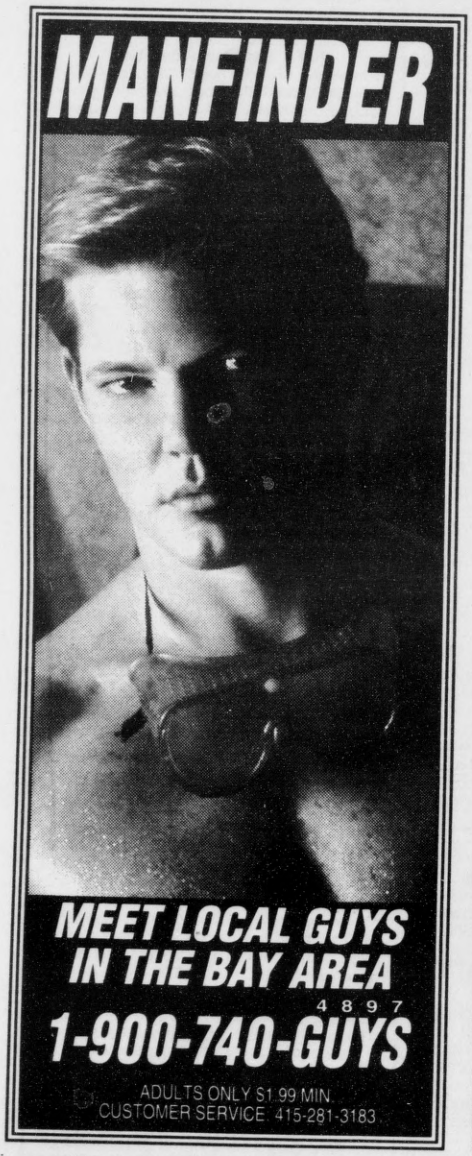
Clean-cut, handsome, in-shape GWM, 29, 5'11", 165 lbs., green/brown, w/800 cc Suzuki, seeks same (to bigger—both man and machine) for sport riding. Not looking for leather type, but rather regular guy who likes to ride fast & free on weekends. Pref. honest, caring man, 26 to 38. Photo ensures quickest response. Write to PO Box 460369, SF 94146-0369 or call ★★9778.

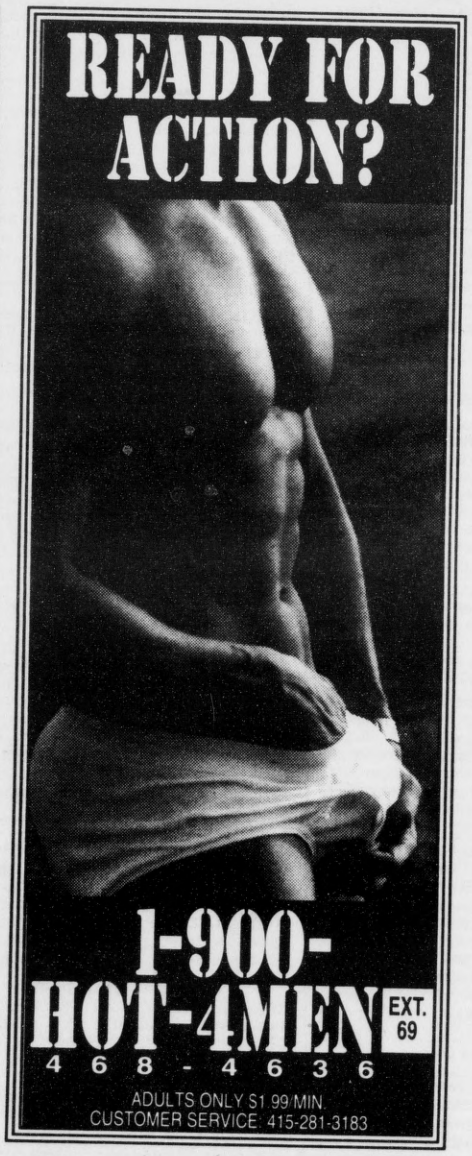
Shorts

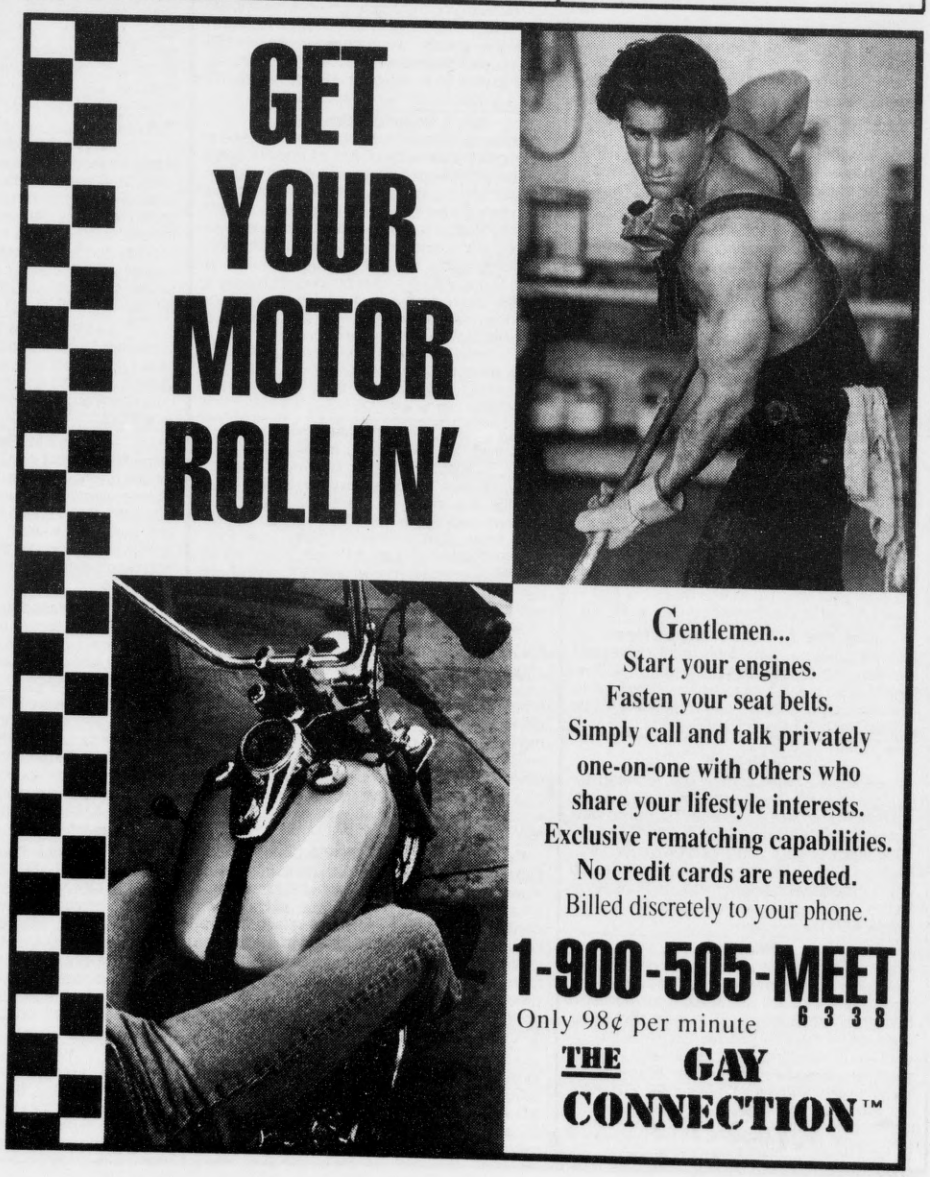
Nylon, beach, cotton, tennis, cut-offs, etc. 32 y.o. WM seeks others with similar unique interests. Reply BT Box SP129B or call ★★9779.

Moods For Moderns

GWM grad student, 28, boyish looks, 5'7", 140#, music enthusiast, food eater, slightly off-beat, but with feet on the ground. Not into drugs, attitudes, trends. Looking for an original, laidback, friendly, funny, cute guy, 20-28, who has varied interests and is not hypercritical. Bicycles, movies, travel, concerts, photography, oceans, smiles, neat stuff! Call ★★9780.







22-Year-Old Cal Student

Brown/brown, 5'9", 140 lbs. Driven (neurotic?) philosophy student/DJ seeks young twisted and creative person for computer sequencing, noise, heated arguments about Nietzsche, acres of hickies and too much coffee. You know who you aren't. Call ★★9781.

Take Your Time, Do It Right

This is a sex ad. GBM, very handsome and muscular, seeking Blacks, Latinos, Asians, Pacific Islanders, Middle Easterners and other men of color for fun. I'm looking for guys who like long play at the edge of cumming, who like to get off two or three or more times a night, who like to shoot and keep on going 'cause the next one isn't far behind. In short, the more passion and endurance you have, the better. I'm a top and expect lots of oral service, your head between my legs, sleeping with my dick in your mouth. But if you're better-looking and better built and can wrestle me into the position you want, well then... "Uncle." Me: 32, 5'11", about 170#, perfectly healthy and intend to stay that way. You: 37 and under, very handsome/cute or very muscular, HIV-, also into safe(r) sex. NS, ND. This ad is meant to be inclusive, so if you're not sure—go for it! Photo and letter to BT Box SP130B. No calls.

Long Hair And Pecs

... jumpstart my libido, so I've cultivated them both. Comfortable in environments other than consensus reality, conformity, or anywhere near a TV set. I'm involved with activism, Jung, serious astrology, and I converse passionately about almost anything. Hardly cute, I'm impressive looking: 6'2", 168#, well-gymmed, 52, and considerately top-ish. If you're somewhat younger, thin or muscular, sorta an activist and/or nonconformist, with gentle but ardent sexual appetites; if you talk about your feelings and ideas, and handle material reality well; and especially if you have long hair and a mind to match—maybe we can reconstruct the universe, share affection, and have fun in bed. P.S.: If you replied Sept. 1-15, your message got deleted; call again. Call ★★9782.

College Boy From Top To Bottom

This GBM college boy is looking for a classmate for long night studies and early class activities. Me: 6 ft., 250 lbs., HIV-, love outdoors, cooking, all music, shopping and kite flying. You are any man with a great personality, lots of fun from top to bottom, no drugs, no smokers, light alcohol. If you are interested in this college boy, write PO Box 5441, Oakland 94605 or call ★★9783.

Man W/Dentures/Beard

Blond-haired, blue-eyed man, 48, 6'1", 220, healthy, w/shaved balls, seeks a man with full dentures or beard. I seek a professional C/S. Call ★★9784.

South Bay Only

Healthy hot bottom, 5'10" to 6'2", is wanted by a super nice, HIV-, butt slammer. You must live in South Bay, be unattached, nonsmoker, non-boozer, non-drug user. I am 48, blond, blue eyes, live in San Jose and want to meet you if you return phone calls, not self-centered, have your eyes open wide and willing to turn your ass over to a man. Must be under 40, and have a fresh plump butt. Call ★★9785.

Companionable Asian Friend

Desired by tall, slim, easygoing, romantic, 50ish GJM. Interests we share are classical & folk music, ballet, beach & redwood hiking, movies, eating out and intimate closeness. If you are a sincere, caring younger person who favors older men and are trim, cleanshaven & attractive, and at all interested, please call or write. Reply BT Box SP131B or call ★★9786.

Sensual Latino Seeks Hung Uncut

If you share my love of art, Latin music/culture, travel, 3rd World (First World really), camping. I'm smooth, almost hairless body, 5'7", great buns, moustache, hot cut jalapeno, love to hug, kiss, suck, get fucked, vice/versa. Tongue that blows, licks, kisses, tastes and expresses. Seeking a winner in life, with happy attitude and romantic dreams. Please have a very large uncut dick and even bigger heart and mind. Let's meet and see what happens. I'm loads of fun, creative, good-looking and down-to-earth. Call ★★9787 or write PO Box 31919, SF 94131.

Cupcake Seeks Icing

Sweet, nurturing, clean-cut, very handsome, nice bod GBM, HIV-, 6'2", 165, late-30s, welcomes a man 40±, who possesses mentoring qualities. Your sound values and a good heart are more important than your looks or race. Open your heart, let's explore. I'll be more than just dessert! Reply BT Box SP132B or call ★★9788.

Seeking Mellow Working Class Guy

Me: 46 y.o. GWM, 5'8", 160, brn, blue, HIV-, easygoing, interesting, energetic, fun, creative bottom. You: affectionate, passionate, comfortable with yourself, HIV-; top. Along with hot sex, I'm looking to sleep with and hang out with a man. Any race or age OK. Reply BT Box SP133B or call ★★9789.

Tall, Handsome, Bearded Furry Nature-Lover

Well-built, sensual, very masculine, gentle, very affectionate, sensitive, childlike and spiritual, loves smiling, laughing, affectionate horseplay, strong bear hugs, nurturing massage exchange, slow, passionate, masculine man-to-man action. I'm a great kisser with a long, sensual, talented tongue for total body exploration. Seek similar masculine, solidly built man (a little overweight is fine), smooth or hairy, easygoing, communicative, articulate, very affectionate, loving cuddler for fun and good times indoors and out. Berkeley/SF areas. Call ★★9790.

Seeking Husky, Older, Manly WM Professional Of Integrity And Intellect

I prefer someone who is: (1) 50s-60s, tall (around 6 ft.), strong/stocky (around 200 lbs.), blond (silver/bald OK), cleanshaven (no beard!), blue-eyed; (2) healthy: HIV-, nonsmoker, non-abuser, exercise/nutrition-conscious; (3) university-educated, aesthetic, interested in serious culture/sophisticated entertainment (opera, etc.); (4) a well-informed, pragmatic humanist; (5) affectionate, kind, humorous, broad-minded, gregarious yet private; (6) an energetic nature-lover who enjoys hiking, etc.; (7) into self-realization. I'm 6'2", 190, 43, Caucasian, dark-haired, healthy (HIV-), good-looking, professional. For friendship and more (I'm mostly top) send recent picture (returned). Call ★★9791.

Fire & Water = Steam Heat

April baby with powerful personality wants to meet his match. I'm hard-headed at times, but not hard-hearted, 37, physically demonstrative, romantic, authentic, emotionally available, sweet, and not given to understatement. At 6'2" I am imposing, but not daunting, have dark along with well-earned gray hair, blue eyes. I'm not unattractive, resemble my Slavic heritage, and won't cause whiplash in the Castro. I have a good sense of humor, and usually am first to laugh at myself. I'm healthy, though snore, swear on occasion, drink moderately and smoke tobacco. I am also playful, spontaneous, oral, monogamous, creative, passionate, independent, nurturing, vulnerable yet strong, considerate, a bit obsessive/compulsive, and imperfect. I enjoy a demanding career and have time and desire for a committed relationship with one splendid man. I am not into the scene, bars, mind-games or short-term "dating." I am interested in what's in your heart and your mind, not what's in your wallet. If you are more earthy than flighty, impassioned, about 35-45, not unaggressive, and know the difference between being in love with love and the real thing, read on. If, among other things, you value friendships, savor Sundays, like movies, good food, lots of laughter and can handle the odd visit to a museum, keep going. If you're bright, read a book more than once per decade and recognize that sex without affection and intimacy is not for you either, don't hesitate to call. Call ★★9792.

Is There Any...

Handsome, very masculine, affectionate, caring, sensitive men like myself that are looking for friendship, dating, etc? Been here one-and-a-half years & still finding it difficult meeting people. How do you get past the sex? Don't get me wrong. I'm not discounting sex. I'm handsome, 29, 5'11", 170#, HIV+, romantic, sexually btm, etc. Hope to hear from you. Life's short! Prefer letter/photo, Boxholder-M, PO Box 427041, SF 94142 or call ★★9793.

Best Friend Wanted

Or just friends. I find it difficult finding friendships. Sex is easy. I'm 29, 5'11", 170#, handsome, affectionate, caring & HIV+. I'm very healthy & plan to stay that way. I like going to movies, theater, bowling, weekend getaways. Looking for people around my age just to get together with for coffee, movies, dinner, etc. You name it. Hope you answer! Prefer letter/photo, Boxholder-M, PO Box 427041, SF 94142 or call ★★9794.

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How To Respond to a "Call Star" Personal Ad

CALL 1-900-844-2-GAY. Using a Touch-Tone phone, you can reply to any ad that has "Call ★★" with a Call Star Extension number. This is your chance to hear the advertiser's voice! Call their extension and leave a personalized message, or see if this sounds like an advertiser you'd like to write to. It's almost as easy as leaving a message on a friend's answering machine. And the advertiser gets your message immediately.

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How To Reply by Mail to a SF Bay Times Personal Ad

SEND IN YOUR LETTERS: If the advertiser has a BT Reply Box, send your reply to Bay Times Personals, 288 7th Street, SF 94103. In the lower left hand corner of the envelope place the box number (not the Call Star Extension!) you are answering. Mail boxes remain open for two months; i.e. this issue's ads may be answered through November 23. Voice mail boxes remain open for four weeks.

How To Pick Up Your Written Replies

BT REPLY BOX MAIL PICK-UP: You may pick up your mail Monday through Friday from 1-6pm. If you do not have your own P.O. Box, you must get a BT mail box. Feel free to call us during the regular pick-up hours to find out if you have mail, and please limit your calls to these hours! *You must bring picture I.D. to pick up your mail at the office.*

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SUGGESTED AD CATEGORY (Check One): ☐ Women ☐ Men ☐ Bisexual ☐ Trans ☐ Shared Interests ☐ Crossed Paths

HEADLINE: _____

TEXT: _____

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☐ Reply Bay Times Mail Box

Total # of Words: _____

☐ Enclose $10 up to 70 words $10.00
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☐ Enclose $11 for Reply Mail Box and Mail Forwarding . . . . . ____

COST OF ONE INSERTION . . . . . ____
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Discount for 3 or more insertions: subtract 10% of total cost of ad . . . ____

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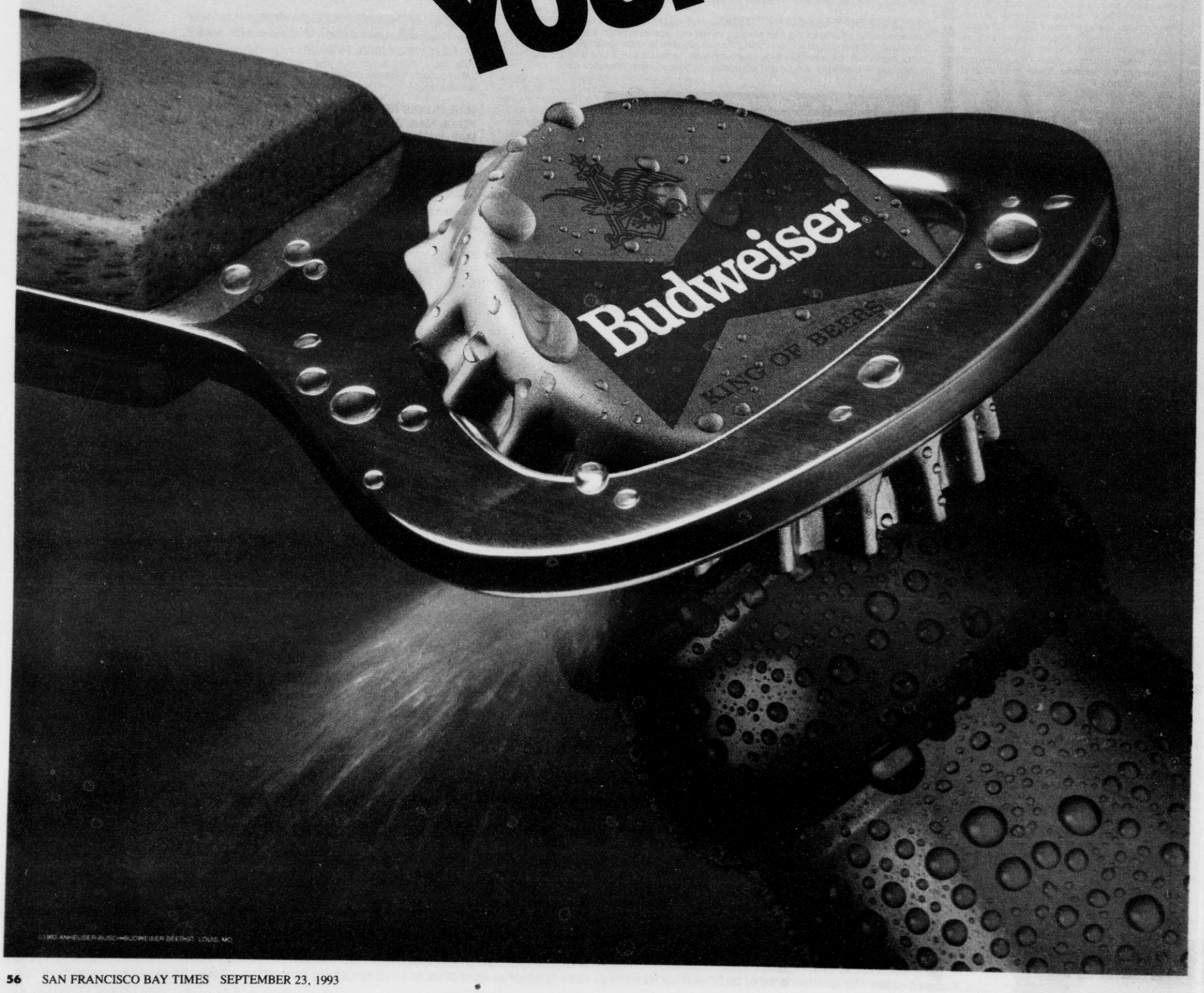
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